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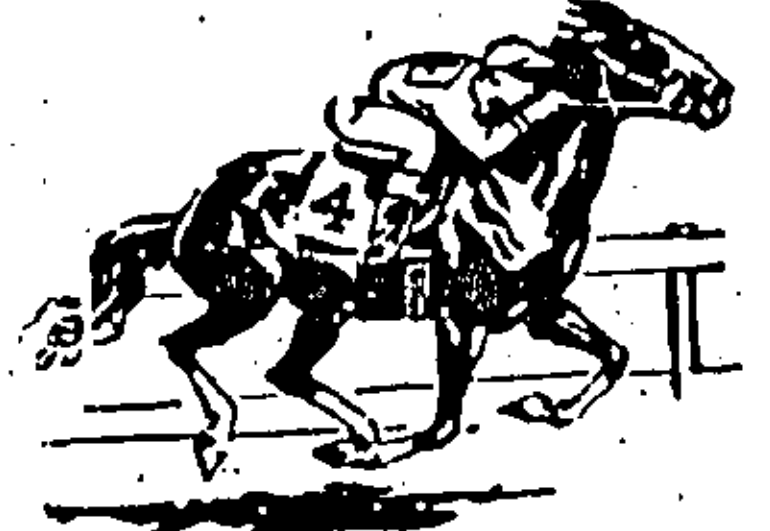
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BRITAIN AND FRANCE FIRM IN DEMAND FOR WAR DEBT PARLEY

RACE SELECTIONS



FOR TO-DAY
(By AJAX).

THE closing meeting of the 1932 racing season at the Valley this afternoon promises to be one of the brightest meetings of the year, and three excellent races for the Autumn Champions are assured.

Two races for Australian ponies are included in the programme of eight races, but no event for novice riders is included. Many of them, however, will be riding in other races.

Mr. Leo Frost, the champion jockey, is expected to make new history in the annals of the Jockey Club. With 48 wins to his credit at the Valley for the season, it is highly probable that he will reach 50 at to-day's meeting, a feat never before accomplished on Hong Kong turf.

The big face of the day will be the open Autumn Champions. Glencages, the crack pony of the Dunbar stable will undoubtedly start a hot favourite, but in view of the fine form shown by Sadko during the week, he will be fully extended to win. I still retain my confidence in Glencages.

Fortune Bay and Sitting Bull are likely to be two other starters in the event, but neither are likely to prove dangerous. Wild Life and Bag and Baggage are two other entries who will demand no little support, and I think the latter is fit enough to find a place.

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"TOUTS" SELECTIONS.

- Race 1:—
Blue Star
King's Bounty
Gay Crusader.
- Race 2:—
But After That
Canny.
Evening Star.
- Race 3:—
Valley Hall
Orlando
Wakefield.
- Race 4:—
Glencages
Sadko
Wild Life.
- Race 5:—
Bright Star
Gold Key
Fortune Bay.
- Race 6:—
Polar Star
The Giraffe
Friar Tuck.
- Race 7:—
Racing Boy
Bistro
Gold Bar.
- Race 8:—
Gallant Fox
Banjolina
Christmas Belle.

U.S. Farmers Ask Help

\$500,000,000 Relief Demanded.

Washington, To-day. Vice-President Curtis presented to the Senate yesterday a petition from the National Farmers' Relief Conference, demanding the appropriation of \$500,000,000 for the relief of needy farmers.

LONDON DECIDES TO PAY U.S. IN GOLD

CABINET SESSION EARLY IN COMING WEEK

CHANGE IN PARIS ATTITUDE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS NOW CONSIDERED LIKELY THAT FRANCE, AS WELL AS GREAT BRITAIN, WILL MEET THE PAYMENT ON HER WAR DEBT TO AMERICA DUE NEXT WEEK, AND THAT SHE WILL PAY IN GOLD. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD IN THE BEST-INFORMED CIRCLES THAT BOTH NATIONS WILL STAND FIRM ON THEIR DEMAND THAT THE ENTIRE WAR DEBT PROBLEM SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

Great Britain, it is stated, is particularly anxious to preserve the Lausanne settlement intact.

The likelihood is that Britain and France will ask for some sacrifices from America similar to those they themselves have made to facilitate the recovery of debtor nations.



Lord Beaverbrook, the newspaper proprietor, who advocates default of the war debt payment by Britain. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain just returned from Paris, was in consultation yesterday with Acting Premier Stanley Baldwin and other Ministers regarding the war debts question which was discussed in the light of the American reply to the British Note and of the Anglo-French Ministerial conversations in Paris.

Final decision as to the terms of the communication to be addressed to the United States Government will be recorded at a formal meeting of Cabinet, probably on Monday or Tuesday of next week. Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, and Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, may return from Geneva to attend the Cabinet session. A factor in the situation to which the British Government attach is the utmost importance is the maintenance of the Lausanne agreement. In the situation created by the refusal of the American Government to postpone the December payments, consultation with the French Ministers was an essential step to this end.

Ready Appreciation. It is understood that the French Ministers showed a ready appreciation of the British desire to preserve the Lausanne settlement intact.

Although the final Cabinet decision has yet to be taken, it is generally assumed here that the payment to the United States will be made by Britain next week and that that payment will be made in gold.

Also it is believed, the payment will be accompanied by a definite proposal regarding the early examination of the whole debt question in the light of the present circumstances.

It is generally understood that the British Government has decided to pay America on December 15 in gold, which has probably been earmarked for this purpose.

It is not expected that it will be sent to America at once.

Reply To France.

Paris, To-day. The American note to France rejects the possibility of suspension of the next instalment of the war debt and reiterates President Hoover's views as to the possibility of subsequent adjustment by the offering to America of compensatory economic benefits.

The Chamber of the Foreign Affairs Commission yesterday voted in favour of paying the December instalment of the war debts to the United States, subject to the summoning of a conference to review the whole problem of war debts.

N. V. INTERESTS URGE STUDY OF DEBTS.

Warn Against Any Harsh Policy.

New York, To-day.

The board of Managers of the New York Exchange yesterday passed a resolution urging a fresh study of the war debt problem "as an economic rather than a political question." They also urge no drastic action should be taken in respect of any nation so that trade with America should be restricted.

—Reuter.

DOLLAR AND SILVER HOLD STEADY.

The local dollar remained steady this morning after its fall to 134 yesterday. Silver prices also remained steady, spot being quoted at 17 1/2 and forward at 17 1/2.

The London on New York cross rate remained unchanged this morning at 4-68 1/2, while the New York on London rate improved from 4-68 1/2 to 4-68 3/4.

Admiral Pratt Opposed To U.S. Navy Reductions

Washington, To-day.

Admiral William V. Pratt, Chief of Naval Operations, declared in his annual report that further economies in the navy would not be possible without impairing its efficiency.

The report was a reiteration in many respects of the annual report of Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams.

He cited the "continuing, well-rounded programmes of naval construction," adopted by Great Britain, France and Japan.



Rowdies rioted in London recently when the "Hunger Marchers" came to town. Left is Wal Hannington, National Unemployed Workers' Movement leader, chaired by comrades who planned to march to the House of Commons on November 1. Hannington was arrested before they started. Right is one of the "toughs," who was no match for the burly constables he and companions sought to overcome in a hand-to-hand encounter in Parliament Square and Whitehall.

COMMONER'S SON FREE ON ARSON CHARGE

J. de P. Mayhew Denies Setting Fires.

ON FATHER'S FARM.

London, To-day.

John de Perigault Mayhew, 25, son of Col. J. D. Mayhew, M.P., and son-in-law of Viscount Falkland, charged with attempting to set fire to his father's farm in Sussex, was acquitted at the Lewes Assizes after giving evidence that he was examining with matches a crevice where it would be easy to start a fire when guards found him apparently setting a blaze.

He emphatically denied that he was concerned with the recurring outbreaks.

He broke out his father's earlier evidence that they were on the very best of terms.

Mr. Justice Hawke summing up, agreed with counsel that the case was most remarkable both in things proved and things unproved.—Reuter.

Five Powers' Conference

Geneva, To-day.

The "Big Five," Great Britain, France, Italy, America and Germany, were in conference yesterday for two and a quarter hours.

Though no agreement was reached, a hopeful atmosphere prevailed on the matter of armaments.

A draft agreement submitted by Baron von Neurath was discussed with the result that a clearer understanding was attained.

M. JOSEPH AVENOL SUCCEEDS SIR ERIC DRUMMOND.

League Appoints Frenchman As Secretary-General.

London, To-day.

By 42 votes out of a total of 43, the League Assembly at Geneva yesterday appointed Monsieur Joseph Avenol to the post of Secretary-General of the League in succession to Sir Eric Drummond.

A resolution paying tribute to Sir Eric Drummond's great services in furthering the League's ideals of justice and peace, and recommending that his portrait be placed in the Palace of the League now in the course of construction, was adopted.—British Wireless Service.

ANTI-JAPANESE THREATS MADE AT SHANGHAI

Consulate Roused To Protest.

RADICAL HANDBILLS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

Foreign Settlement police found anti-Japanese slogans "Chiang Kai-shek lives at ease; Wang Ching-wei takes shelter abroad; Chang Hsueh-liang loves beauty, but not his country," printed on handbills and thrown from the Sun Sun store roof garden on to Nanking Road to-day.

The handbills predicted dire calamities to those disobeying the instructions of the composers.

"Anyone selling Japanese goods will see his family perish by the plague; the wives of traitorous merchants will become Japanese playthings, while the sons will be assaulted by men of Japan. All Chinese traders dealing in Japanese goods will have robbers for sons and prostitutes for daughters."

"The Japanese community is incensed at this revival hatred and the consulate is preparing a vigorous protest."

A Sale of Work, at which there was a large attendance, was held at St. Stephen's Girls' College and Fairies School this morning. The sale, which opened at 11 a.m., is in aid of funds for the Hong-Kong Women's Guild and "Ministering Children's League."

It will be continued this afternoon.

New Move To Orient Peace

Committee Of 19 Takes Problem.

London, To-day.

The Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva, yesterday afternoon, unanimously decided to request the Committee of Nineteen, firstly to examine the work of the Lytton Commission, the observations of both Japan and China thereon, and the opinions and suggestions put forward in the League Assembly, and all documents that have been submitted; and secondly to draw up and submit to the Assembly proposals for settlement of the Sino-Japanese dispute.—British Wireless Service.

COPPER CONFERENCE BREAKS DOWN.

No Agreement To Cut Production.

New York, To-day.

It is understood here in well-informed quarters that the International Copper Conference has broken down without any agreement being reached to curtail production.

The export price of copper broke to five cents a pound and leading copper shares declined everywhere recently owing to the tremendous over-production and waning demand.—Reuter.

Su and Ma Safe Says New Report

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese report that General Su Ping-wen had been handed over to the Japanese military authorities is authoritatively denied from Moscow, where it is stated that he and his staff have been given permission to go to Europe.

Meanwhile General Ma Chanshan is reported to have announced that he has never been to Russia, saying that he was amalgamated General Su Ping-wen's troops with his own army in order to continue the opposition to the Japanese.—Reuter.

SOVIET READY TO PLAN NEW TRADE PACT

Agrees To British Proposals.

DELEGATES NAMED.

London, To-day.

A Soviet Government note to Great Britain accepts the British proposal to commence negotiations for a new commercial treaty between the two countries.—Reuter.

Deputies Named.

A note has been received at the Foreign Office from the Soviet Ambassador in London, Monsieur Maisky, which states that, "having considered the note of the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of October 17, as well as the proposal of the Secretary to commence negotiations for a new commercial treaty, made to me during my conversation with him on November 11, the Government of the Soviet Union accepts the proposal and is prepared to commence negotiations."

M. Maisky and the Soviet trade representative in Britain, M. Alexandre Oserasky, have been entrusted with the conduct of negotiations.—British Wireless Service.

CONVICT CUT DOWN DURING GAOL FIGHT

Fellow Prisoner On Serious Charge.

AXE USED AS WEAPON.

A savage attack, with an axe, on a short-term prisoner made by a convict in Victoria Gaol on Wednesday, was brought to light in the Central Police Court this morning when, before Mr. Grantham, Tse Kau, prisoner No. 67, was formally charged with maliciously wounding Tam Tak, with intent to maim, disfigure or disable. The charge was explained to the prisoner who was not asked to plead.

Detective-Inspector J. Murphy, who was charge of the Police case, informed the Magistrate that Tam Tak is lying in the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition. A doctor's certificate stated that the injured man may not be out of hospital for two months. He may have to have one or both arms amputated. The accused was serving a long term.

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LITTLE BUSINESS ON LONDON EXCHANGE.

New York Stock On Upward Trend.

Business in all sections on the London Stock Exchange, has been very limited, states the daily report of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, received here to-day.

From the New York Stock Exchange, Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company report: "This afternoon's rise, is interpreted as a technical sign of some importance and as meaning that the resistance of levels in the upper limits of the narrow trading range were giving way, a sign that ordinarily means the continuance of the rally."

"Barring unexpected unfavourable news, our opinion is that the near term news is likely to be constructive rather than destructive from the market standpoint." Industrials, rails, utilities and bonds all show an upward trend. The day's business was 1,160,000 shares.—Reuter.



The Woman's Page



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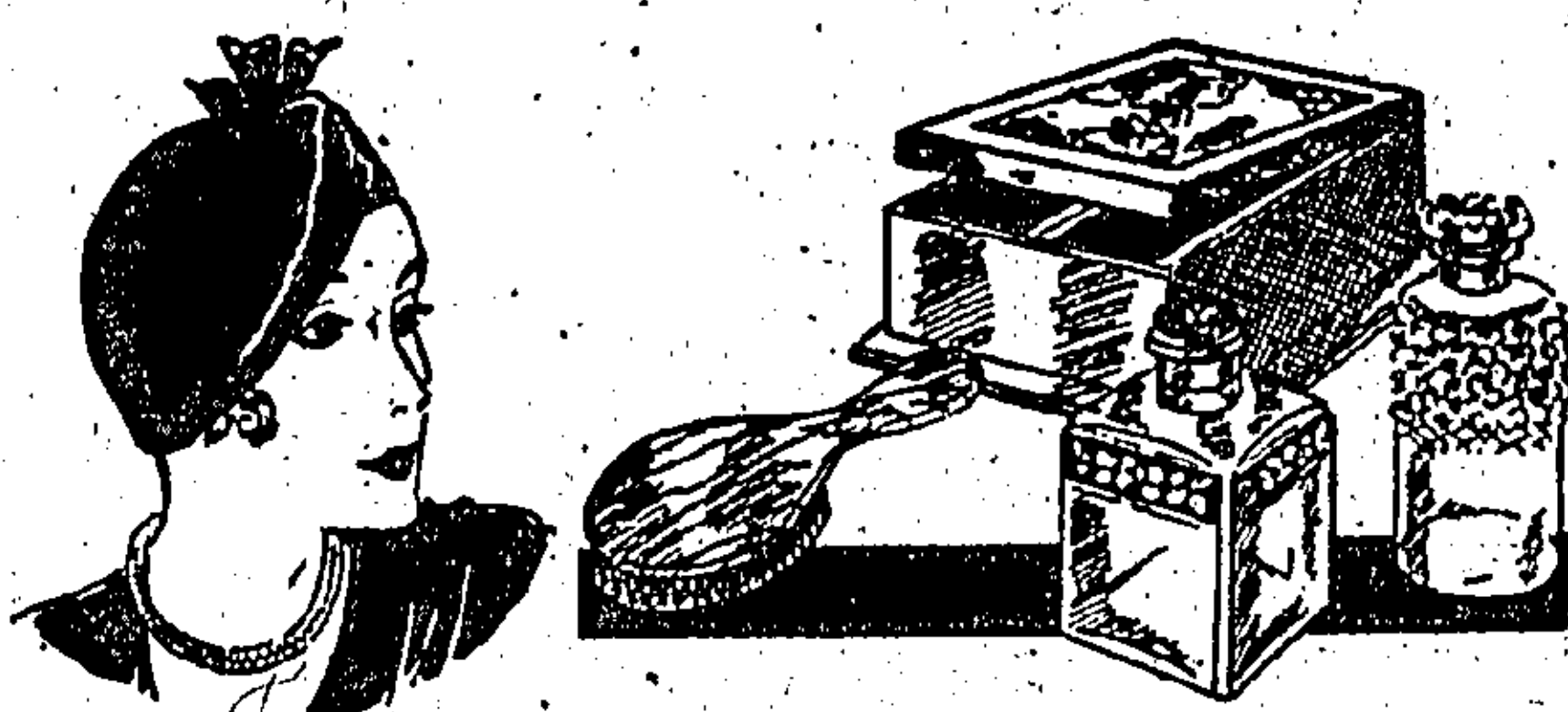
Higher and less open effects are in order, not only because they are more practical for Winter but also because the barefoot vogue has literally run itself into the ground this Summer.

The high-backed shoe is the most striking footwear novelty launched here in some time, and it is interesting to note that this trend is of American inspiration, though Paris interprets it in her own inimitable manner.

The high-backed shoes, which closely follow the line of the ankle from the centre of the arch and curve up into a graceful point in back, call for glove-fitting to make them smart and comfortable; when successful they make the ankle appear extremely slender. Grace is experimenting with this high-backed outline in both day and evening shoes.

Costa has designed a variation with the back point continued into a strap around the leg above the ankle bone, with a similar strap placed over the instep. This shoe may be developed in leather and metal buckles for street wear and in fabric and jeweled buttons for evening.

Sandals, though still with us, are closing up, too, and several creators are showing high sandals that lace up to well above the ankles, like Directors' cothurnes, for evening.



Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN.
Baked Salmon Fishballs
Curried Meat Cakes
Chipped Potatoes
Buttered Turnips
Fruit Pudding
Orange Sauce
DINNER.
Green Pea Purée
Grilled Salmon
Sauce Tartare
Fillet of Veal
Baked Onions
Straw Potatoes
Chestnut Cream

Housewives should purchase their turkeys now in order to fatten them for X'mas. Turkeys weighing from ten to twelve pounds are most suitable. They should be from 6 months to a year old. Older birds are tough, with dry flesh and not so good in flavour. Young turkeys can be distinguished by their smooth black feet. After they are a year old the feet darken again but are rough and scaly. The hen turkey is preferred to the male birds.

2 pints shelled dried green peas or 1 tin green peas, 1 bunch spinach leaves, 3 sprigs parsley, 2 onions, 1 sprig mint, 1 lump sugar, 3 pints of stock, pepper and salt to taste.

Green Pea Purée.
Boil vegetables until tender with sugar and boiling water. Drain off the water, and put the vegetables into the stock, which should

be made boiling. Let all boil up. Then rub through a hair sieve. Make the soup hot, add if liked, a little cream. If the soup requires thickening, add 2 tablespoonful of arrowroot.

Fillet of Veal Stewed.
Fillet of veal, veal forcemeat half a pint of oysters, good stock, a little mushroom catsup, lemon peel, larding bacon.

Beard and chop oysters, mix them with the forcemeat, and stuff the fillet in the usual manner, skewing it firmly. Lard it, and grate lemon peel lightly over it. Place it in a stewpan with enough good stock to come halfway up it. Put the veal in a slow oven until cooked, basting it constantly or cook it over a slow fire. Then place the veal in a baking tin in the oven, to brown it and crisp the lardons.

Fruit Pudding.
Cream ½ cup butter, add gradually 1 cup molasses while stirring constantly. Sift together 3½ cups flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon soda, ½ teaspoon cloves, 2 teaspoon cinnamon and ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, add alternately to first mixture with ¼ cup milk. Dredge 1 cup seeded raisins with ¼ cup flour add to mixture and beat thoroughly. Turn into buttered tube mould, cover securely and steam 4 hours. Serve with orange mltuce: foamy sauce or vanilla sauce.

VEGETARIAN DISH

Take half a pint of lentils, wash and steep them. Add to them a scalded onion, two sticks of celery, two tomatoes, and a large carrot. Simmer all till soft, and then press through a wire sieve. Season and make it fairly moist with some minutes.



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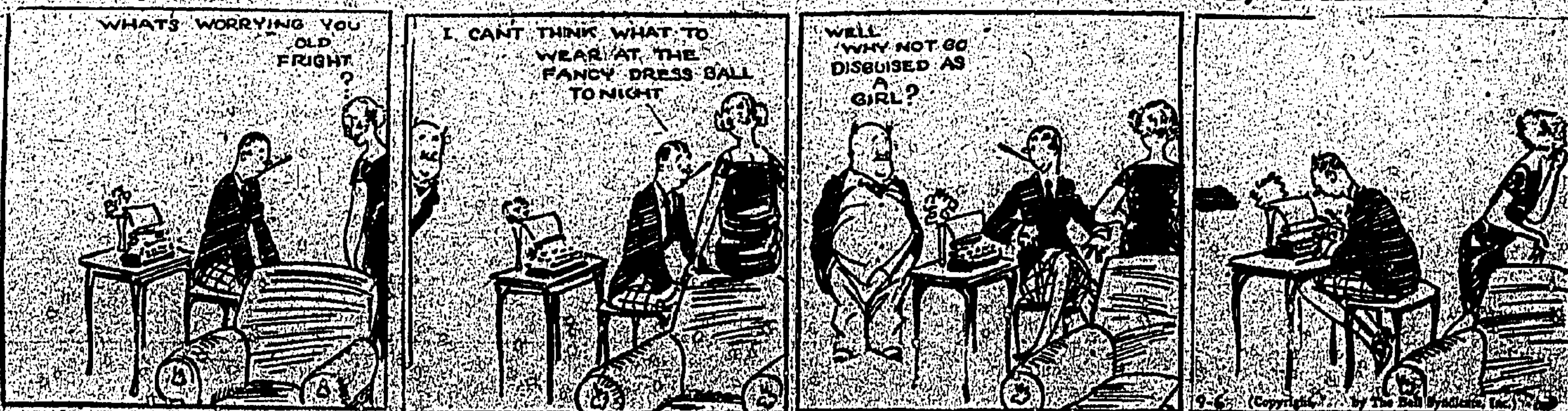
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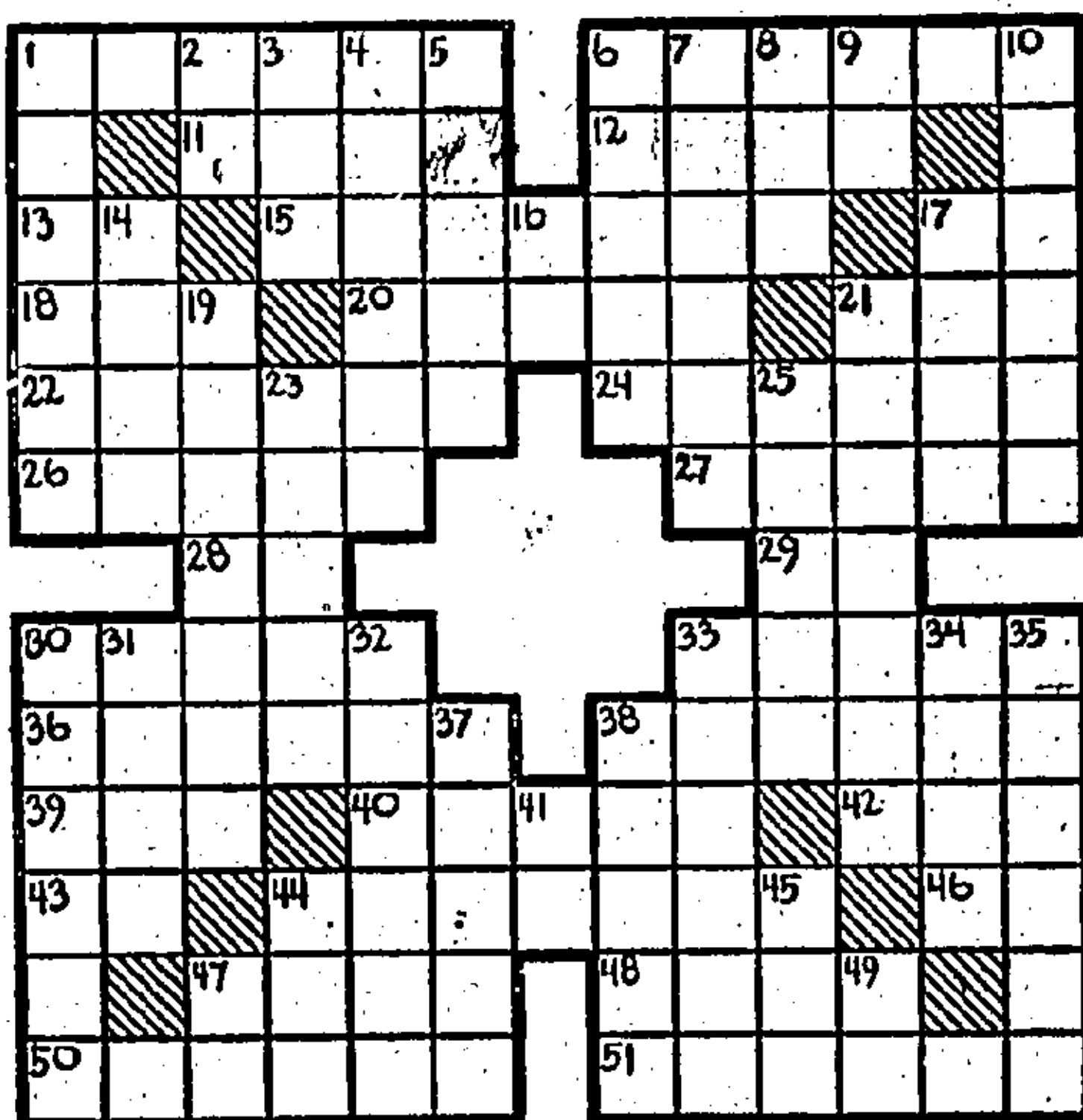
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—One who rules for another
- 6—A meal
- 11—Above
- 12—Epoch
- 13—Indefinite article
- 15—Rubbers
- 17—Opera (abbr.)
- 18—Permit
- 20—Girl's name
- 21—Unit
- 22—Mark for riflemen
- 24—One who breathes noisily when asleep
- 26—Unfastens
- 27—Clothe
- 28—A degree (abbr.)
- 29—Bill of sale (abbr.)
- 30—Examinee
- 33—Stings
- 36—Perches
- 38—Hidden
- 39—Girl's name
- 40—To instill courage into
- 42—A title

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43—Exits
- 46—Gifts
- 47—Aot
- 48—Be agitated
- 49—A letter (pl.)
- 60—Piece of bed-linen (pl.)
- 61—Wandering

VERTICAL

- 1—The ancient business quarter of Venice
- 2—Depart
- 3—Evening (Poet)
- 4—Tendons
- 5—A distinguishing feature
- 6—Staggers
- 7—Journey to carry a message
- 8—A dance
- 9—Because

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 10—Small candles
- 14—Lowest tide
- 16—Very
- 17—Unit
- 19—Treachery
- 21—Son of Agamemnon
- 23—An insect (pl.)
- 25—Cavity, containing the eye
- 30—Drills
- 31—Aurora
- 32—Narrow body of water connecting two larger bodies of water
- 33—Ridicule
- 34—Girl's name
- 35—Rough
- 37—Barriers
- 38—A long shaft with a spear head
- 41—Pronoun
- 44—Part of the foot
- 45—Cortis (abbr.)
- 47—Exit
- 49—Musical note

(The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle.) will appear in Monday's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



BAN ON FLYING.

Football teams must not travel by air to fulfil fixtures. This decision was reached at a meeting of the Football League Management Committee in Blackpool. At this meeting it was decided that the request of Plymouth Argyle for permission to fly to Stoke be refused on the ground of the risk involved.

GAME SANCTUARY IN OLD CRATER.

Beasts Take Refuge In "Dead" Volcano.

AFRICA IN MINIATURE.

The mystery of the Pyramids, the majesty of the Victoria Falls, the grandeur of Kilimanjaro, have awed many Europeans, but not more than a few score at most have looked upon that other mighty African spectacle, the great crater Ngorongoro. It is one of the geological wonders of the world, and it forms the greatest of all natural game sanctuaries.

Remotely situated in the midst of grimly beautiful mountainous country to the west of Kilimanjaro, in Tanganyika, it is a scenic jewel in a setting of a thousand extinct volcanoes, ranging from mighty eminences to little hills.

Some 40 miles in circumference and not less than 15 in diameter, this is surely the world's greatest volcanic crater. The floor of Ngorongoro is 6,000 feet above sea level, and is surrounded by walls averaging 1,500 feet in height, giving the general appearance of a gigantic cup, filled almost to the brim.

The impression conveyed is that at some time subsequent to its period of explosive activity the gigantic funnel became almost entirely filled with volcanic matter.

Ngorongoro is an Africa in miniature, containing almost every feature of the landscape to be found outside. There are lakes, rivers, great swamps inhabited by hippopotami (though how they ever got there is a mystery), patches of thornbush, dense forests, and, clothing parts of the escarpment, vast groves of that botanical garbale, the euphorbia.

Acres of Clover.

Most of the interior, however, is flat open plain, with countless thousands of acres of wonderful clover, not to be found outside. Here, too, there is always moisture, and even when Africa without is burned and brown, luxuriant feed, so that the place is a veritable Paradise for game, which at certain seasons of the year congregates here in almost incredible numbers and variety.

At no time are there less than 100,000 head of wild animals to be seen in Ngorongoro, and when feed is really scarce elsewhere, there may be a quarter of a million.

With the exception of giraffe, which seldom venture to such an altitude, practically every animal common to this part of Africa can be seen in the crater at some time or another. The most common species are, of course, most numerous, and zebra, wildebeeste, hartebeeste and Grant's and Thompson's gazelle may be seen at all times in mixed herds running into many thousands.

Myriads of Birds.

Of birds there is a vast variety, ranging from myriads of pink flamingo and many species of waterfowl in the lakes and swamps, to eagles and vultures of various sorts, and great flocks of snow-white egrets, which float about amidst the herds like gigantic snowflakes.

Ngorongoro is equally a Paradise for the greater carnivora, and lion, leopard, and cheetah abound. It is even more remarkable for the enormous numbers of hyenas it contains. Instead of being almost entirely nocturnal, they are to be seen at most hours of the day. They are not mere scavengers and cowardly brutes unlikely to attack any creature unless it is near to death, but are ferocious killers, hunting even big game like the wildebeeste with all the method and remorselessness of wolves or hunting dogs.

ROCKEFELLER'S LOSS OF MILLIONS.

Millionaire Struck By Depression.

The \$100,000,000 fortune once held by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, "the world's richest man," and his son, has shrunk to \$30,000,000 owing to the depression.

This is the estimate of Mr. John T. Flynn, the economist and biographer of Mr. Rockefeller. The Rockefeller fortune, Mr. Flynn states, consisted mainly of securities, and its \$70,000,000 depreciation is due to the downward rush in their value, which accompanied the slump.

The Rockefeller estate (he adds) reached its peak at \$200,000,000 before Mr. Rockefeller embarked on his career as a philanthropist.

OUR HOLIDAY HABITS

(By H. C. BAILEY.)

In a poignant poem Charles Lamb reminded us that it was Satan who invented work. Nevertheless holidays are a much later invention. The learned will make haste to correct me as to the antiquity of holidays. That the Middle Ages—and for that matter older ages still—had many days in the year on which no man did any manner of work is true enough.

But they had not attained to our ideal. They did not go away from home. They had not discovered the seaside. The idea of touring had not formed in their minds. Even the happiness of Hampstead was unknown.

The holiday spirit does not emerge till the seventeenth century. Then you find Mr. Pepys starting off at five in the morning—his wife ought to have been ready at four—with a coach and four horses and bottles of wine and beer and cold fowl to go the long journey to Epsom, drink the waters there, talk to the shepherds and pick flowers. Such were once the simple, sufficient joys of the chiefs of the Civil Service.

Though that century would make some sort of a holiday at Epsom, Epsom, Tunbridge Wells or Bath—it does not seem to have discovered sea water. Mr. Pepys did not bathe, but Dr. Johnson did. "The man who dipped people in the sea" at Brighton was much impressed by the doctor's prowess; and George IV., in his exuberant youth, alarmed the officials of the beach.

TAX-FREE BRITONS LIVING ABROAD.

Months' Visit Not To Be Reduced.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, regards it as too great a hardship on certain business people to reduce the period (three months in each year) during which persons may live in Britain without being assessed for income tax.

Mr. Stourton (Con., Salford S.) asked him in the House of Commons recently if he would consider shortening this period, as many wealthy people lived abroad for the sole purpose of tax evasion.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, who replied, reminded Mr. Stourton that the three months rule applied to all who left the country to live abroad and returned from year to year.

He said Mr. Chamberlain was afraid that it would not be practicable to discriminate against wealthy people, and a general reduction of the three months would be a hardship on the many British people who had gone abroad for business or other reasons and desired periodically to visit this country.

But, he added, the matter was kept under close review, and he emphasised that income from sources within the United Kingdom was generally liable to tax wherever the recipient lived.

CHINESE PLAYERS' PRESENTATION.

Two Shakespearean Productions.

A Chinese troupe, all members of which are amateurs, will play for a week commencing on the 16th instant, a series of theatrical performances at the Kowloon Theatre in aid of the St. John Ambulance Hospital work in the New Territories. The proceeds realised will be wholly contributed to the St. John Ambulance for the purpose above stated.

Some of the players are fine artists whose acting, according to the best authority, are said to be equal to the best of the professional troupes ever seen. The acts chosen for their play are only the most notable dramas among which are two plays from Shakespeare, "As You Like It" and "Two Gentlemen of Verona."

This is the first occasion that Shakespeare's plays are being presented on a Chinese stage, and as the players themselves are well versed in the stories some fine acting will be presented.

In addition to the above there are other features worthy of note such as the paintings depicting the scenes of the acts and the beautiful dresses worn by the artists, all of which are rarely seen in Hong Kong.

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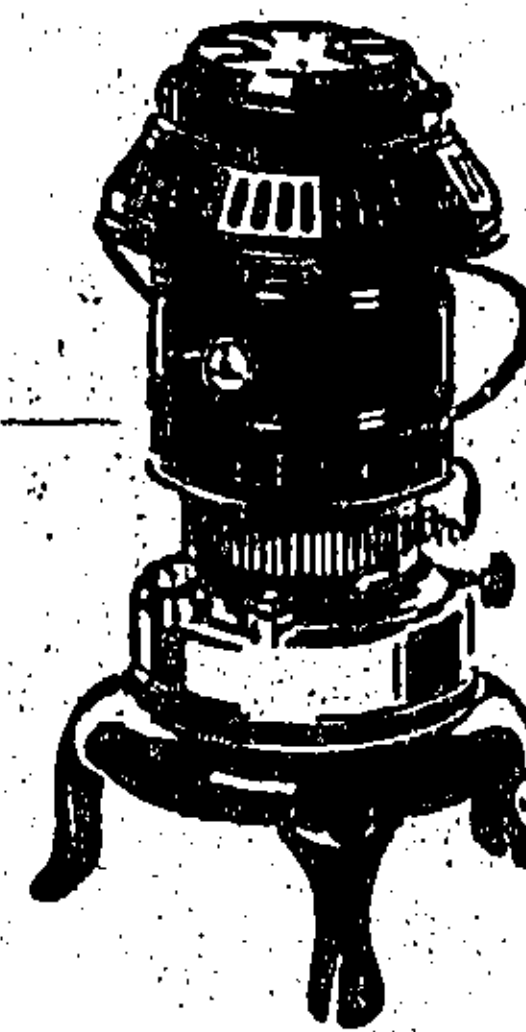
The competition is open to any student under the age of twelve years. Schoolmasters or mistresses are requested to forward the names of any student who wishes to take part and copies of a sketch will be issued, together with coupons which entitle students to purchase a box of paints from Messrs. Sincere's at the cost of five cents. Entries close on December 15.

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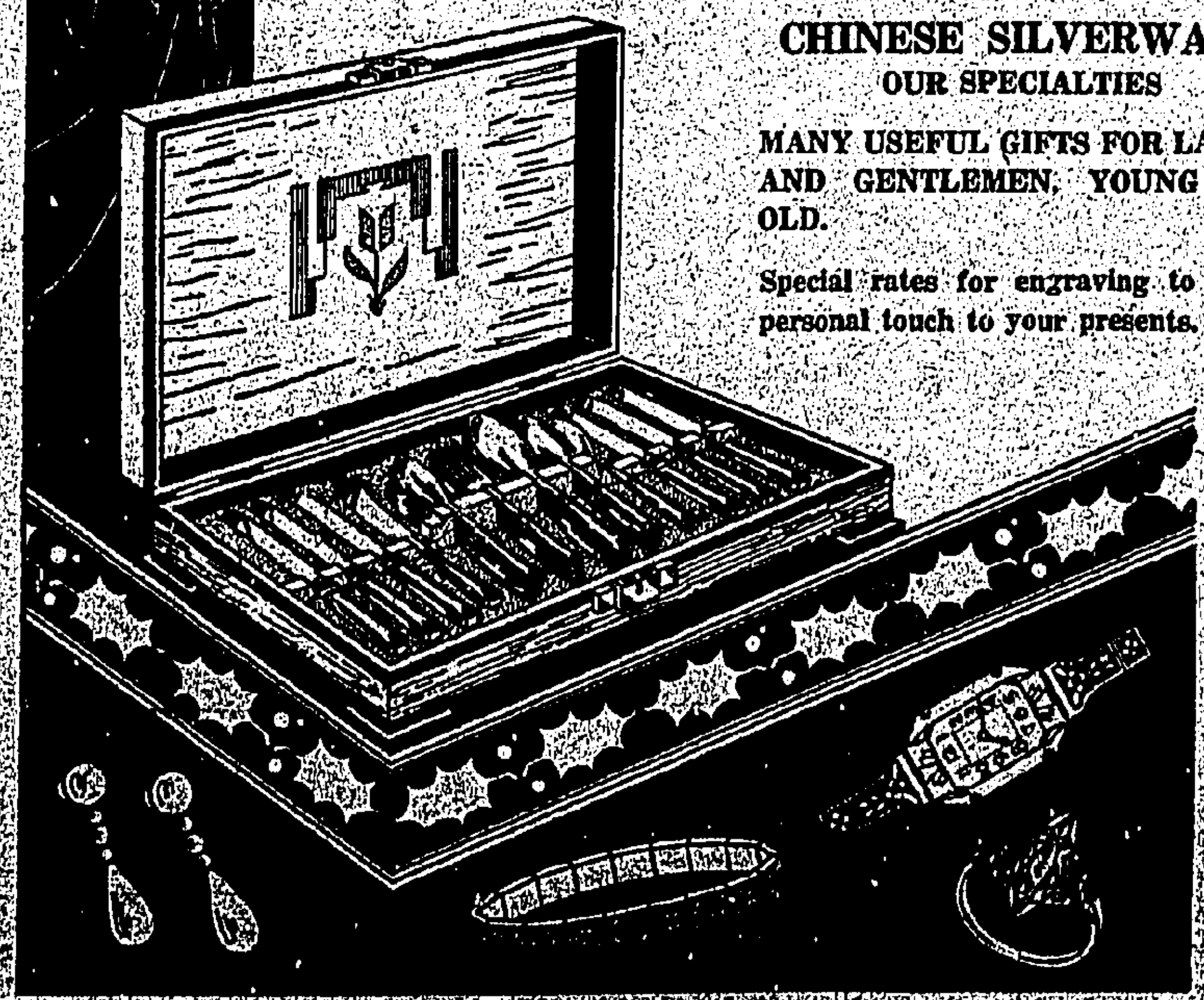
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SCOTS' SHIP YARDS AT LOW EBB.

But Outlook Seems More Bright.

While the shipbuilding industry of Scotland is still at a very low ebb, the past month has brought forth a much brighter outlook owing to the Admiralty contracts announced recently. The orders for four destroyers and two sloops placed with Clyde builders have arrived at a most opportune time, and other contracts reported during September included a passenger and cargo motorship of about 3,200 tons, to be built by Messrs. Barclay, Curle and Company, Limited, Whiteinch, for Sydney owners, and a steamer of 1,150 tons for London owners to be built by the Burntisland Shipbuilding Company, Limited.

The marine engineers will also figure well in the month's bookings, and steady employment is now assured for a large number of men for many months to come. The output of new tonnage for September was again very small, and consisted of one vessel of 8,900 tons from the yard of Messrs. Lithgows, Limited, Port-Glasgow, and one vessel of 1,510 tons from the yard of the Burntisland Shipbuilding Company, Limited, Burntisland. The river Clyde output for this year is now only 48,845 tons, and as that is just equal to an average month's tonnage the present state of the industry can be easily gauged. During the year, to date, the total Scottish launches have been 1 vessel on the Tyne, 5 vessels on the Forth, and 26 vessels on the Clyde—32 vessels in all, with a total of 65,887 tons.

United Dairies, the 25,500,000 retail milk combine, is paying a larger dividend for the past year. The total distribution, announced recently, is 12½ per cent, compared with 11 per cent a year ago and 10 per cent for each of the five preceding years. The company's shares rose 4½d. to 46½d. on the announcement.



Commerce and Finance.

SHARE MARKET.

Weekly Reports by Brokers.

Hong Kong, Dec. 9.

Mr. G. A. Harriman's weekly share report and market review issued at noon, states:—

The market has been very active during the week under review and a considerable turnover has taken place in the lower priced issues. Rates held fairly well and during the week there was more than one effort at recovery for instance Lights at one time came back to \$14.75, Hotels to \$10.50, and Cements (comb.) to \$11.60, although they closed slightly under these rates. Realities however were weak throughout with business done down to \$7.50. Providents (old) were done were on offer at \$4.60. The Investment section was steady with enquiries for Trams at \$20.50 after business done at \$20.40, Telephones at \$25.75, Lands at \$76¼, and Electric at \$76¼. The sterling section was featureless, but a few Banks changed hands at \$1,650 and Unions at \$515. The tone of the market this week appears to be rather less uncertain than its predecessors and it may be indicative of a general recovery in prices in the new year. This remains to be seen but at the same time the bearish activities of recent months appear to have come to a halt at last, and it is quite within reason to anticipate a 'Bullish' market in the Spring when the figures will be published of many of our local utilities and Industrials who have considerably enhanced profits to show us for 1932.

BANKS—Hong Kong Banks were dealt in at \$1,650, closing in demand at \$1,640. Bank of East Asia were on offer at \$108.00, buyers offering \$103.00.

INSURANCES—Unions changed hands \$515.00. China Underwriters were quiet with sellers at \$2.80.

SHIPPING—Douglases continued in demand at \$26¼. Union Waterboats could be placed at \$20¼.

DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS—Wharves were a bit easier and were placed at \$145.00. Providents (old) changed hands at \$4.60 closing with sellers at this rate.

HOTELS & REAL ESTATE—Hotels (old) were wanted at \$10.20, business having been done at \$10.15/40. Hong Kong Lands eased off a little and were put through at \$76¼/½. Hong Kong Realities had buyers at \$7.90 at the opening, but suffered a sharp decline at the close with sellers at \$7.60.

COTTON MILLS—Ewos were put through at \$14.50/60, closing with buyers at the former figure.

PUBLIC UTILITIES—Trams met with enquiries at \$20.50, after sales at \$20.40. Star Ferries remained in demand at \$91.00 China Lights had a sharp rally and were done up to \$14.75, but at the close the demand slackened, buyers offering only \$13.80. Hong Kong Electric was transacted at \$76¼. Telephones (new) changed hands at \$25.75.

MISCELLANEOUS—Cements (comb.) after recovery to \$11.60 again receded a little and were on offer at \$11.00. Dairy Farms maintained their strength with buyers at \$28¼. Construction (old) had sellers at \$6.20.

FORWARD SETTLEMENT DAY—20th December.

CONVICT CUT DOWN DURING GAOL FIGHT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Grantham remarked the accused would have to be remanded from week to week until the injured man is able to attend Court for the hearing.

Accused was remanded for one week, formally.

Sudden Attack.

It is understood that the fight took place in the carpenter's shop, where 'Tao' Kau is alleged to have taken hold of a carpenter's axe and slashed wildly at the other prisoner, a member across the table.

Tam Tak put both his arms up to defend his face and in so doing was badly cut, one wound on the right wrist going to the bone. It is feared that this arm may have to be cut off. Everything happened so quickly that witnesses on duty in the shop were unable to stop 'Tao' Kau in time.

It is understood that the accused prisoner is serving five years for robbery, and has a little over half a year to complete his term.

SHARE MARKET.

The official summary of the Stock Exchange issued yesterday.—

The speculative issues again monopolised the bulk of the trading in the past week, and again were subjected to violent changes, markets being a succession of sudden spurts and set-backs.

However, the closing rates are above the worst, China Lights being around \$14, after touching \$13.10, and Cements about \$10.80, after \$10.60, but Realities at \$7½ close at the lowest point for the week. Hotels have kept fairly steady at about \$10.20 cash, after changing hands at \$10¼ for Settlement.

Generally, the market closes easier.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK.

Hong Kong Banks, \$1,645, \$1,650, \$1,650.

Union Insurances, \$520, \$522½, \$525, \$520, \$515.

China Underwriters, \$2.80.

Wharves, \$145.

Hotels (Old), \$10.20, \$10¼, \$10.30, \$10.40, \$10.30, \$10.10.

Lands, \$77¼, \$77, \$76¼.

Realities, \$8, \$7.95, \$7.90, \$7.95, \$8, \$8.05, \$7.95 \$7½.

Tramways, \$20.40, \$20.20, \$20¼, \$20.50, \$20.40.

Star Ferries, \$91.

China Lights (Old), \$14, \$13¼, \$13½, \$14, \$14¼, \$13.85/14.40.

China Lights (New), \$13.80.

Electric, \$76¼.

Telephones (New), \$26¼, \$26, \$25.75, \$25.75, \$25.75.

Cements (Combined), \$11¼, \$11, \$11.20, \$10.85.

Dairy Farms, \$28¼, \$28¼.

Lane, Crawford's, \$5, \$5.40.

Constructions (New), \$14.00.

Ewo Cottons, \$14.60, \$14.60, \$14½.

CHANGES (3.15 P.M.) CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Buyers.

Wharves, \$145.

Hotels (Old), \$10.20.

Tramways, \$20¼.

Star Ferries, \$91.

China Lights (Old), \$13.85/14.40.

Electric, \$76¼.

Cements (Combined), \$10.80.

Sellers.

Realities, \$7.60.

Hotels (Old), \$10.10.

Realities, \$7½.

Tramways, \$20¼.

China Lights (Old), \$13.85/14.40.

Electric, \$76¼.

Cements (Combined), \$10.85.

EXCHANGES.

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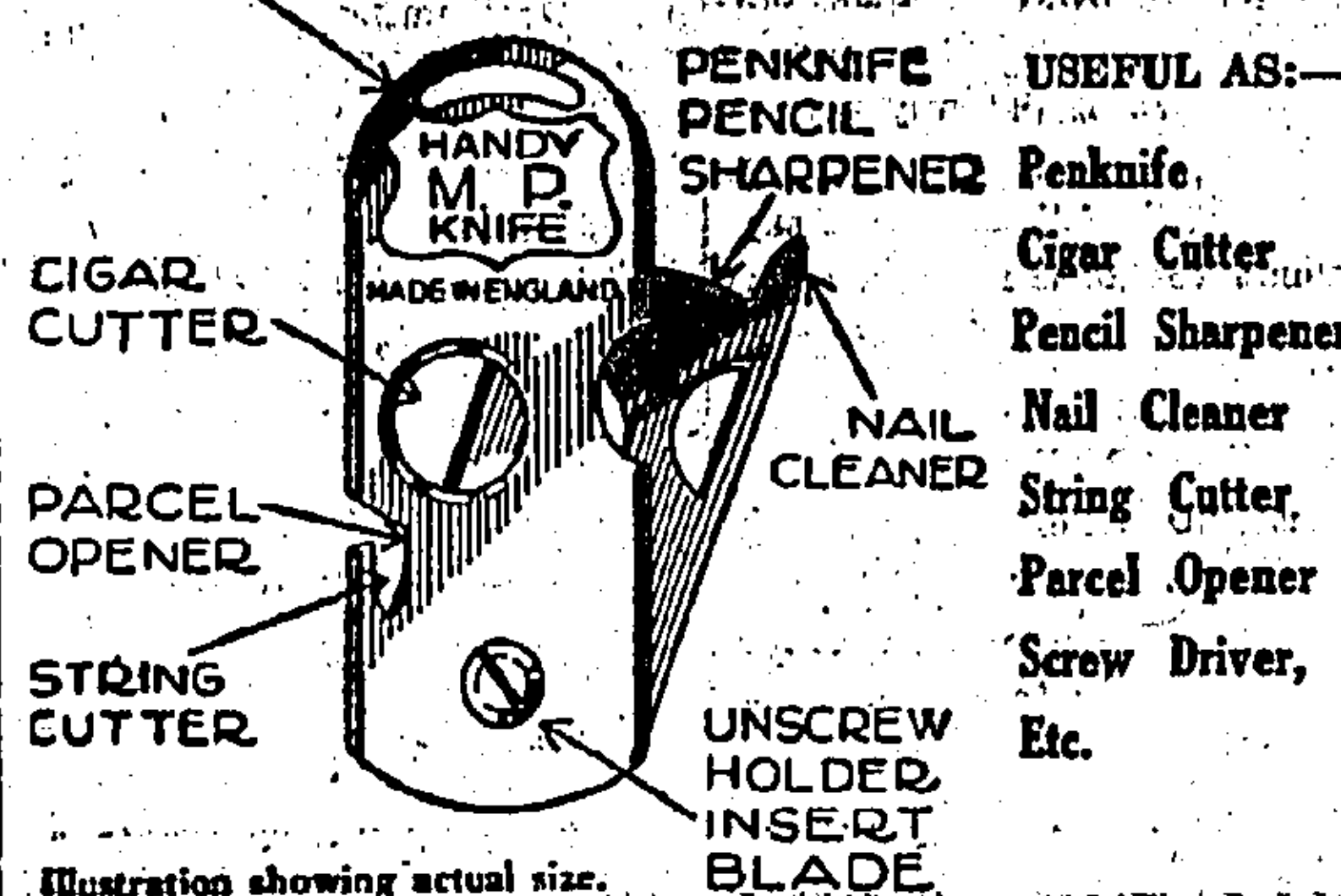
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The Greatest Of Books.

The current annual report of the British and Foreign Bible Society is to hand. As the society, the most important association of its kind, was established in 1804, and has functioned without cessation, this report is its one hundred and twenty-eighth. Much more closely than most organisations it can claim to have adhered to its original aim, first laid down in the simple phrase, "To encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment." It has incurred the hostility within Christendom of those who cannot tolerate any activity which is not entirely under their own control, and from other quarters the opposition of rival religions or (as now in Russia) of aggressive godlessness. In its life of more than a century and a quarter, it has distributed nearly 432 million copies of the Bible, more than one-fourth of them in the English language. During last year, the circulation showed a decrease (very slight) from that of the previous year. Yet even so, that circulation, affected as it was by the depression, has only been surpassed four times, and as many copies of the Scriptures were issued as in all the first 35 years of the society's existence taken together. No sign here of any real slackening. Even were the world-wide work to be suddenly brought to an end, that which has already been accomplished would remain as the greatest and most indispensable aid of Christian missions. Much has still to be done, and will be done, of equal interest to pulpit and pew. But the subject has also its secular side, too large to be ignored by even the shallowest of worldlings. The Bible as literature is, or should be, a matter of concern to every thinking person. It has been truthfully remarked that, whatever theory we may choose to entertain regarding the actual inspiration of the Bible's original authors, it has to be admitted that those who carried out its translation into English were inspired in the highest human meaning of that word. Style in its perfection is to be found therein, and of infinite variety. From the rich poetry of Job to the matchless

simplicity of Luke, we may find there our abiding models. The more nearly we keep to them, the better for our world of letters. An enterprising journalist of the ultrabrick school would probably set out to tell the story of the Prodigal Son by stating, "In the flourishing city of 'Damascus' dwelt a prosperous and venerable merchant, whom fortune had twice blest with male offspring." This would mean what the Gospel of Luke prefers to say: "A certain man had two sons." Directness like that can never be improved upon. The preachers themselves fail badly when they attempt to do so. The attempt is frequently made. A classic example was afforded when a learned divine, preaching on the parable of the wheat and the tares, graciously explained the simple sentence "An enemy hath done this," by the following delightful paraphrase: "The landowner here indicates that effects so deleterious to the welfare of his crops can only have been the work of hostile agency." That sort of thing is more than a futile endeavour to elucidate the obvious. It is a slipping down from a literally perfect style to a thoroughly vicious one. Matthew Arnold said something which has a very direct bearing on our subject "The man who knows his Bible and nothing else," he wrote, "does not know his Bible." True, either the Bible or anything else. You must have a scale to measure by, a proportion in which to set. But the converse of Arnold's statement holds good and affects most closely all who either write or read. The man who knows nearly everything else and does not know his Bible, knows almost nothing. In a sense, however, there is no such man in English-speaking countries. Just as we all quote Shakespeare daily without knowing it, so is Biblical phraseology woven into our language. These are the two greatest sources of English literary style. Any age which turns its back on them in favour of the cheap and nasty is an age whose best productions will be more speedily forgotten than yesterday's newspaper. "Intense study of the Bible," said Coleridge, "will keep any writer from being vulgar in point of style." So true is this that men who had no belief in the Bible on its religious side—Shelley, for example—have gone out of their way to express their high sense of its value as literature, and to place on record their indebtedness to it as a teacher of the loftiest school. There are many to-day who appear to flatter themselves that they can appreciate the least while losing sight entirely of the parent stem. To some of these, a reminder of basic values, the things which constitute true dignity, may come with timely force.

HERE. THERE
and
EVERYWHERE.

Force of Habit.

A person just back from Moscow tells a story of the recent order forbidding queues round provision and vodka shops, which deprived the populace of its daily occupation.

On the first day after the new order a little Jew, always one of the first in the queues, was walking disconsolately through the streets. He met another wanderer.

The Jew touched his cap. "Comrade," he said, "may I ask where you are going?" "I'm just strolling round," was the reply. "Then," said the Jew, "please permit me to form up behind you."

Your Daily Smile.

FASHION NOTE.

Now is the time when husbands are being skinned for fur coats for which other animals were skinned earlier in the year.

Does It Matter?

"Woman Flies in Arctic," says a headline. Personally, I have never been able to tell which kind of flies are which.

SHAME!

"Grey hairs are caused by a vicious-looking germ," states a scientist. In my opinion, no man has any right to talk about his wife like that.

Germany's Contentment.

We're doing no arm.

DISCONTENTED.

A Midlands woman recently obtained a divorce because her husband had given her only sixteen shillings in three years. She declined to take the view that sixteen shillings every three years soon mounts up.

Financier's Scale.

Dough-ray-me-fah-sot-lah-te, dough.

FORTUNATE.

"People in the United States," writes a New York journalist, realise that the American politician is not a bit like the British politician. I congratulate them.

Facts You Did Not Know.

By changing the angle and position of the handle a new show shovel is converted into a rubber faced squeegee for removing water from painted surfaces without marring them.

Radio broadcasting in Japan is carried on by 15 stations and applications for establishment of seven new stations have been approved by the Department of Communications.

Of 100 tons capacity, a motor truck has been constructed that is mounted on 14 wheels and requires two drivers, in front and rear, who communicate with one another by telephones.

The United States is the world's largest user of quicksilver, followed by Germany and the United Kingdom, and its annual production has increased considerably in recent years.

Personal Pars.

Mrs. R. McP. Austin, the wife of the British Consul at Dalen, is returning with her mother and father to England by the President Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Roger Burke, of Liverpool are travelling round the world on the President Pierce. Mr. Burke is the Manager of the Royal Insurance Company, Ltd., of Liverpool.

Mr. and Mrs. August Vollmer of the University of California, Cal., are passing through Hong Kong on the President Pierce. Mr. August Vollmer is a renowned criminologist and was formerly chief of Police in Berkeley, California.

Mr. J. Darle Lloyd, Vice-President of the Lloyd Film Corporation and the father of the famous "Harold" Lloyd, is a passenger on the President Pierce, on his way round the world. Mr. Lloyd who is newly married and is accompanied by his wife, is at present on his honeymoon.

LONDON'S CONFUSION
GOVERNMENT WORRIES
OVER TRAFFIC
CO-ORDINATION NEEDED TO
CURE EVILS

The London traffic problem turned up once again in the House of Commons the other day when the Prime Minister asked that the London Passenger Transport Bill be carried over to next session.

The Government proposal to keep the Bill alive was not accepted without opposition. A group of Conservative members, led by Sir Kenyon Vaughan-Morgan, are in revolt against it.

What, then, is the London Passenger Transport Bill? First, let it be recorded, because everybody concedes that much—that it is a serious attempt to solve a problem the urgency of which is undisputed. It gravely concerns every Londoner and every Londoner should understand it.

Owing to the haphazard way in which it has grown, London has always suffered from a confusion of authorities, in this as in all public matters; and although the Tubes and most of the buses, once rivals, now work together under the single control of the Underground, other controls direct the Metropolitan Railway, the various suburban railways, the trams, numerous services of non-Combine buses, and the motor-coaches.

Previous Attempts.

Various attempts have been made to cope with the problem. We have had the London Traffic Advisory Committee and the Traffic Commissioners, but they have never touched the root of the problem. All they have done is to devise schemes for the relief of congestion, like the roundabouts, for the restriction of traffic entering London, and so forth; whereas the crying need is for some kind of unification, or at least co-ordination, of control of the whole traffic system.

It has to be borne in mind that it is not merely a question of controlling the existing means of transport, but of providing much-needed new means. The population of London keeps growing, and the constant extension of its area, creating new suburbs on all sides, demands new tube and railway development. The companies urge that the capital for this development cannot be secured while cut-throat competition remains uncurbed.

Thus the failure to solve the problem of to-day is continually increasing the enormity of the problem of to-morrow.

Socialist Objection

The first serious effort to tackle the root of problem was when the Underground group and the L.C.C., who account for 80 per cent of London traffic, despairing of Government action, promoted Private Bills proposing to place the whole of London traffic except the railways—that is, the trams, the tubes, and the buses—under one authority, the dominating element in which was to be the Tube and Bus combine. The theoretical advantages of this plan were obvious, for the three services between them, achieved much unnecessary duplication, and sometimes triplication, of routes, without a commensurate advantage to the citizen, because, although such fierce competition kept fares down, it tended to concentrate on the more paying routes and rush periods, to the neglect of the less profitable but equally necessary routes and periods.

The fate of this scheme illustrates the knotty difficulties in the way of all London traffic schemes. Politics wrecked it.

The Socialists on the London County Council regarded the L.C.C. trams as the only effective barrier against what they called the Traffic Trust; to hand "the people's trams" over to the Trust would be, in their view, tantamount to selling the worker into slavery to the Bosses. It followed naturally that the scheme was killed as soon as the Socialists came into power at Westminster, with Mr. Herbert Morrison, Socialist leader on the L.C.C., as Transport Minister.

He, however, thereby rendered himself responsible for producing an alternative scheme. Accordingly, he produced the London Passenger Transport Bill.

Approves of Changes. Normally, it is the same Bill as that which the Prime Minister, with the support of Mr. Baldwin, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, and

other Conservative colleagues, is asking the House of Commons to-night to pass on to the next session. That Bill was described by Mr. Morrison, in a moment of delicious pride, as "one of the greatest Socialist measures ever introduced." Both Mr. Baldwin and Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, then in Opposition, opposed it. "Anybody who votes for this Bill," said Sir Philip, who moved its rejection, "is without any possible question voting for nationalisation in a very peculiar and extreme form. All are forced to transfer their property, whether they like it or not, to a public undertaking." Now, he supports the Bill, for there have been changes.

Mr. Morrison's original Bill provided that the Government should appoint the Big Five, the body analogous to the Central Electricity Board, or the B.E.C., to whom it entrusted the control of all forms of transport within an area of 25 miles of Charing Cross. This provision opened the way to the objection that London traffic controlled by a body appointed by the Government would, in effect, be politically controlled; and when the Government happened to be a Socialist Government, the policy pursued by the Big Five would in all probability be a Socialist-nationalisation policy, with all the evils which Conservatism heartily detested.

The present Government have therefore met the objection by devolving the power of appointing the Transport Board to five independent trustees, such as the Chairman of the L.C.C., the Chairman of the Committee of London Clearing Bankers, the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, the President of the Law Society—whichever the holder of these posts may be from time to time—and a representative of the London Traffic Advisory Committee.

Danger Removed.

Thus, while the basis of the Bill is unchanged, it is argued that the danger of party-political control is removed. No one denies Mr. Morrison the credit of courage and ingenuity for this basis, and for the fact that it has won a larger measure of support from the traffic interests themselves than any previous attempt. The Underground group, the main line railways, the local authorities, the Metropolitan Railway—altogether representing nearly 99 per cent of London traffic—have all come to agreed settlements as the result of constant and protracted negotiations. A very notable feat.

Opposition from the revolting Conservatives, led by Sir K. Vaughan-Morgan, seems to be based on the objection that the National Government received no mandate for it—which is true—and that private enterprise and healthy competition will be destroyed under it. The latter objection is also the line taken by the Motor Hires and Coach Services Association, who are opposing the Bill; they emphasise, the point that the Bill hands over one-fifth of the population of Great Britain to a virtual monopoly, and that by the arbitrary allotment of routes to this, that and the other method of transport it will rob the London citizen of his unfettered choice of travel.

Whatever happens, there must be a change.

MR. THEODORE OGIER
LAID TO REST.

Steamship Officer's Tragic Death.

The funeral of the late Mr. Theodore Ogier, chief officer of the Canton river steamer Kwong Sai, whose death occurred on Wednesday night under tragic circumstances took place yesterday in the Protestant cemetery, Happy Valley. The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave officiated at the graveside.

A large gathering of friends were present, among whom were Captain T. T. Lauranson, Captain Campbell, Captain Pritchard, Captain Walker, Captain Brunn, Captain Mackenzie, Captain Colman, Captain Luke, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. D. M. D. Stephen and Sergeant Clarke. Many wreaths were sent.

Bolivians Hide In Mountain Eerie People Who Never See A Single Tree

SPAIN'S TREASURE HOUSE

Bolivia is one of the most spectacular countries in the world. It is divided into three sharply contrasting zones. The "altiplano," from 12,000 to 14,000 feet above sea level, is almost without vegetation. Many of its inhabitants can never have seen a tree.

It is a table-land of brilliantly coloured rocks, split into winged shapes. La Paz, the capital, lies in a hollow of this "lunar" plateau, surrounded by a painted forest of cliffs and dominated by the snow of Illimani.

Yet within six hours it is possible to cross the snow line, pass through a cleft walled with icicles, and drop down, first by lorry and then on mule-back, to the sub-tropical Yungas. These are the most beautiful of the many valleys running eastwards, which constitute the second and most fertile zone of Bolivia. Most of them begin as crevices between 1,500ft. cliffs, completely barren. They widen as they descend. Vegetation increases until, at 6,000ft., the land is preposterously fertile.

In the Yungas tobacco grows wild. Coffee trees spread high across the mule-tracks. Ferns and giant maidenhair, poinsettias and bougainvillea are the weeds which threaten the terraces of coca. Oranges run riot. There are forests of oranges and whole hillsides of bananas. Among them the pink-washed mud huts of the Indians are so deeply sunk that only the thatch is visible.

A road through the Yungas is under construction, but generally in the dry season the river beds of the eastern water-shed are the highways of traffic, and the only link between the "altiplano" and the third zone. This is low lying and tropical. It consists of plains, Brazilian in character, called "lun-gas," of the rubber swamps of the Beni, and of the forests or scrub of the disputed Chaco.

One Third of Europe. Bolivia is supposed to have a population of approximately 3,000,000, of which 60 per cent. are Indian; anything up to 30 per cent.

are Cholos of mixed Indian and Spanish blood, and the remainder, a bare 300,000, including foreigners, are Whites. Here, therefore, is a country approximating in size to a third of Europe, not only governed, but financed, by one-tenth of its population.

At present the Indians are too quiet, and possibly too cowed, a people, to require more than a minimum of rights, providing they are left alone. Some of them have evolved a simple type of communism. The land, in such case, belongs to a group, who annually elect a chief. This Cacique collects taxes, and does all the buying and selling on behalf of the community, who share labour and profit.

When the Indian's family is overlarge, he is apt to sell a child for a few shillings to work in some better-class household, until it is grown up and realises that it need not labour without wages.

Indians Conscripted. Four or five thousand Indians are conscripted every year. They return to their villages with ideas of discipline and of force. When they consider themselves ill-treated by the Cholo farmers they refuse to work. Sometimes they turn on their landlord, and blood flows; chiefly Indian blood, for they are shot down irrespective of right or wrong by hastily-summoned troops.

In the Middle Ages the Spanish took 500,000,000 doubloons out of the 5,000 mouths of Potosi's metal mountain. During our generation a section of Bolivia became rich on two successive booms—first silver and then tin. Even now landowners say, "Come and see my mountain," instead of, "I want to show you my farm."

Bolivia is inclined to look in the wrong direction. Certainly she needs a seaport. South America could put every other agricultural zone out of action if she faced the rest of the world as federation instead of as a series of blindly competitive units.

ODD NAMES FOR TELEPHONES.

Southwark Is "Hops;" What's "Liberty"?

GREAT MEN REMEMBERED.

By Ralph Bretherton.

We do not know now why in the early days of London's telephones an exchange across the river was called Hop. It may have been thought that strangers might mispronounce Southwark—or, rather, pronounce it too literally right, according to its spelling.

On the other hand, it may have been just a little joke. Perhaps when a board was deliberating over the name someone said, "Southwark—that's where the hops come from," and with laughter the new exchange was christened Hop.

I think that that was the first exchange to be, as it were, nick-named. Others had geographical names, from their districts, which seems a commonsense plan, giving us a clue to the subscribers' addresses. But now, with a new exchange, Liberty, added to the books, there must be thousands of us who will henceforth spend time trying to guess just where Liberty is.

If we have heard that it is down Wimbledon way we may easily forget it, for there is nothing to connect Wimbledon and Liberty in our minds. It seems rather strange that Tennis was not chosen, for all the world thinks of Wimbledon and Tennis together.

Not Reasonable. Why should Mortlake be telephonically "Prospect"? There is something of a view back over London from Sheen Common, but I do not know that it has any fame. There may be a better reason for Mountview up on the far side of the Northern Heights. Yet the name might just as well have been given to a Hampstead or Norwood exchange.

With the multiplication of ex-

changes and the need, under the automatic system, that no two exchange names shall begin with the same three letters, the good people who give us our telephones have been rather hard put to it to know quite what to call each new telephone area.

The Hop idea was good, of naming an exchange after the chief local business, and it might have been carried further. Then Mincing-lane, would have suggested Groceries or Mark-lane Corn. As it is, where the City begins to be the Port we have Royal. That is about as vague as can be, and it is hard to see why the exchange was not named after the nearest landmark, the Tower. We know where the Tower is, but there is no part of the City which we think of as Royal.

Terminus, too, is hard to place. London has more than a dozen big termini, and we never give as a direction, "Oh, go down by the Terminus." Yet Terminus is the name of the telephone exchange in Holborn.

Fame Honoured. Sometimes a character name has been chosen, such as Riverside for Hammersmith, and sometimes a Riverside for Hammersmith, and sometimes a street name, such as Gorrard for Soho or People's Grove for Twickenham.

And there has been quite a run on the names of famous men. We have Flaxman, Franklin, Frohisher, Rodney, and Wordsworth. Kelvin seems to have dropped out, but Gulliver has blown in from amongst the fairies. Temple Bar has come back, although that has almost ceased to be a London address.

Liberty, I think, strikes a new line here for the first time an exchange has been named after an abstract noun. Are we to see Equality and Fraternity, Faith, Hope, and Charity? Only Equality stands a chance. I am afraid for in the other cases the first three letters have already been allotted.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

12.30 p.m.—European programme of Columbia records.

1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra by courtesy of the Management (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio).

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.50 p.m. (approx.)—A Running Commentary of the Football Match between the Kowloon Football Club and the Chinese Athletic Association, by courtesy of the Kowloon Football Club & the Hong Kong Football Association.

5.30 p.m.—An Attempt will be made to relay the Speech of H. M. the King of Siam from Bangkok on the occasion of His presenting the Constitution to the Nation.

5.30-7.30 p.m.—Chinese recorded programme.

7.11.30 p.m.—European programme of Columbia and Regal records.

7.30-7.47 p.m.—Operatic Die Meistersinger—Overture (Wagner).

Bruno Walter & Symphony Orch. DX86.

Aida—Grand March (Verdi) Milan Symphony Orch. 9806.

8 p.m.—(Local Time & Weather Report).

7.47-8.30 p.m.—Variety.

Songs of Scotland Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards DB942.

Vocal Duet—'Seven Pounds of Heaven Layton & Johnstone

Song—'Speak to Me of Love' Turner Layton (Tenor) DB937.

Piano Solo—'Words and Music—Selection Billy Mayerl DB939.

Ventriloquist Act—Insurrection Arthur Prince & "Jim" DX412.

Band—'What's Yours?' A Convivial Medley Debroy Somers Band DX385.

8.30-8.47 p.m.—More Melodious Memories (arr. Fink) Herman Fink & His Orch. DX197/8.

8.47-9.30 p.m.—Instrumental Octet—'Memories of Mendelssohn' (arr. Sear) F. H. Squire Celeste Octet 9649.

Finn Solo—'Liebestraum (Dream of Love) (No. 3) (Liszt) William Murdoch 9274.

Piano Solos—(a) Waltz in A Flat (Brahms) (b) Springs Song (Mendelssohn) William Murdoch 9274.

Octet—'A Venetian Baccarat—Serenade' (arr. Willoughby) F. H. Squire Celeste Octet DX211.

Violin Solo—'Indian Lament (Dvorak-Kreisler) Bourree (Sammons) Albert Sammons 9484.

Octet—'Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 in F' (Liszt, arr. Sear) F. H. Squire Celeste Octet 9200.

Harpichord Solo—'Toccata (Scarlatti) "Mme. Regina Paterni-Casadesus" DX58.

9.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox Trot—'Sweethearts Forever There's a Crowd' CB497.

Waltz—'Girl of a Million Dreams' Fox Trot—'Lady Play Your Mandolin' MR323.

One Step—'The London Fire Brigade' List, Chopin and Mendelssohn CB507.

Waltz—'Bells of Normandy' Fox Trot—'Lady of Spain' CB242.

Actions Speak Louder Than Words. Home, Lies Just a Blue-Eyed Blonde CB411.

Waltz—'Somewhere in Old Wyoming' Fox Trot—'Moonlight on the Colorado' CB164.

One Step—'Oh Mo'nah' Fox Trot—'Smile, Darn Ya, Smile' CB850.

Trees—'Leave Me Alone With my Dreams' I Lost my Heart in Heidelberg CB445.

Tango—'Goodnight Vienna' Waltz—'My Pretty Flowers' CB441.

Fox Trot—'I Bring a Love Song' Waltz—'You'll Never Remember Vienna' CB200.

Fox Trot—'Is It in Love I Lie' Waltz—'Clary People' CB81-D.

Waltz—'The Voice in the Old Village Choir' Fox Trot—'Paradise' CB403.

Fox Trot—'Goodbye to Love' Waltz—'We Just Couldn't Say Good-bye' 2703-D.

Waltz—'Three O'clock in the Morning' Fox Trot—'The World is Waiting for the Sunrise' CB135.

One Step—'Listen to the German Band' MR075.

Waltz—'Save the Last Dance for Me' Fox Trot—'Fire in My Heart' CB428.

To-Day's Short Story.

THE MAN WHO HATED FLIES

By J. D. Beresford.

HIS wife laughed at that one weakness of his, and all his scientific explanations of the harm flies may do as germ-carriers, spreaders of disease, failed to convince her that his detestation of them was not an amusing eccentricity. She was one of those women who have a quiet contempt for science, although her husband was a scientist and would almost certainly be famous in a few years' time, because he had the rare gift of becoming entirely absorbed by his work. There was no need for him to work. He had ample private means. But he always worked twelve hours a day.

"Ah! You want to improve the world too much," Mme. Aumonier would say to her husband. "I am satisfied with it as it is. As for the flies you make so much fuss about, you may be sure Providence gave them to us for some good reasons. Why don't you forget them?"

"I can't," Professor Aumonier would reply; "they worry me." In his laboratory he was free from them, since they were strictly scientifically excluded. But his brief hours of rest were spoiled for him seven or eight months out of the year, and he complained that the annoyance was telling upon his health, spoiling his work.

When he came in for his mid-day meal, still absent-mindedly intent upon his research, he would suddenly become aware of his tormentors. So often the skull-cap he wore in the house had been mislaid (he had been bald for ten years, although he was only 37), and that smooth, shining head appeared to offer an irresistible attraction to the flies. Even when it was covered he found little relief.

The brutes would settle upon his face and hands, or engage one another with a maddening buzz close to his ear. They were so exasperatingly foolish, so completely careless of the wild waving of his handkerchief, so disdainful of his dignity, so impudent, so apparently unconscious of his rage, that he had had gauze blinds made for the windows, but they were always being taken down by Mme. Aumonier to air the rooms. They lived near Avignon, and it was very hot there in the summer months. Also it was a great place for flies—all kinds of flies.

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Their only child, Bertrand, a steady, intelligent little boy of seven, who was doing very well at school, used to watch his father's impatient battles with a quiet, shrewd stare. And it was he who one day started the brilliant mind of Professor Albert Aumonier on that investigation which was to have such a vast and unanticipated influence on the future of the world. "If you think flies do so much harm, father," the child thoughtfully remarked one day, after listening attentively to one of the Professor's fiercest lectures to his exasperatingly careless wife, who had had all the gauze blinds removed that morning on some absurd theory of giving the place a good clean: "Why don't you invent something to kill them all?"

In his un instructed mind he had no doubt some romantic idea of a super-trap, but the childish remark set the able mind of the Professor thinking in a new direction.

At the moment he merely shrugged his shoulders and replied, "If only I could, my little one," following that up by a dissertation on the lassitude and indifference of the world at large. For if, as he said—he had said the same thing so often before that his wife never even

pretended to listen—if you could stimulate people to concerted action, the thing could be done. Scrupulous attention for a few years to the destruction of all waste and putrefying matter; the avoidance or treatment of all stagnant water; a little care and forethought exhibited by the many; and the pest of flies and mosquitoes could be greatly alleviated, and perhaps finally eliminated. "But the mass of the people are careless, indifferent, even to their own welfare," he concluded, with a glance at his wife.

Nevertheless, that casual suggestion of his little son's returned to him that afternoon; got between him and his work, bothered him almost as much as the flies themselves.

And it so happened that that year they had a particularly trying Summer. There was a very plague of insect life in early June; and the weather, the flies, and the consequent stimulus to solve the essential problem his son had set him began to get on Aumonier's nerves. It was no better when they went to Normandy in August; worse, in fact, for he had then neither the refuge of his laboratory nor the distraction of his work. He tried to forget the problem, because it was obviously outside his proper sphere. He was an experimental chemist, and was conducting some very important investigations in the realm of molecular physics. And although he would have been willing to admit that Summer that the achievement of ridding the world of flies would be one of far greater value to the community than any discovery he was likely to make relative to the constitution of matter, he felt that it was not his job.

On their way back to Avignon at the beginning of September, however, he stayed a night in Paris in order to call on a brother scientist, who was making a name as a biologist. This friend listened with interest to Aumonier's statement, but smilingly declined to undertake the proposed investigation. Nevertheless, he let fall one or two comments that were to have a decisive effect upon the future of the world.

"The thing to discover," he said, "would be some kind of highly infectious disease to which flies were subject, and well, intensify it. As a matter of fact, it is known that flies do suffer from some disease that gets hold of them in wet Summers—a sort of fungus. You'll find them wasted by it almost transparent. Sometimes, too, as you've probably noticed, they get affected with a peculiar piddling. It is, at least, a theoretical possibility. But," he smiled again, "it's not my job. Aumonier realised after this conversation that it would never be anybody's job unless he made it his own.

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SPORT PAGE

AUSTRALIA SELECTS THIRTEEN PLAYERS FOR THE TEST.

Kippax and Nagel Dropped.

Melbourne, Yesterday. The Australian team for the second Test match against England at Melbourne commencing on December 30 will be selected from the following:—
W. M. Woodfull (Victoria)
W. H. Ponsford (Victoria)
D. G. Bradman (N.S.W.)
S. J. McCabe (N.S.W.)
J. H. Fingleton (N.S.W.)
W. J. O'Reilly (N.S.W.)
H. Ironmonger (Victoria)
T. Wall (S.A.)
C. V. Grimmett (S.A.)
V. J. Richardson (S.A.)
R. K. Oxenham (Queensland)
L. P. O'Brien (Victoria)
W. A. Oldfield (N.S.W.)
Allan Kippax (N.S.W.) and L. E. Nagel (Victoria), members of the first Test team, have been dropped.—Reuter.

Yachting Notes

By Captain Cuttle

THE protest against Toynette, lodged by Why Wonder, last month has been under the consideration of the Committee of the Yacht Club who made a decision last week. The protest has been upheld and Toynette is disqualified. The protest, it is recalled, arose in the "T", "Y", and "G" Class race in the Third Ladies' Championship sailed on November 21 last. Why Wonder, sailed by Mrs. Fowkes, had her mast carried away by Toynette, sailed by Miss Patchett. Why Wonder, as a consequence, did not finish, and a protest was lodged. No points were awarded in the race.

TOMORROW the second and last match of the season for the Froisher Cup will be decided when the Royal Navy will be opposed to the Army. The Navy will be skippered by Commander Cowland, while Major Lochner, M.C., of the S.W.B., will captain the Army team.

The opposing teams will sail a course over 6 miles in morning. Tiffin will be taken at the Yacht Club, and in the afternoon the teams will contend again over a 7 mile course. The course will be arranged between the captains of the respective teams.

THE following twelve boats have been entered for tomorrow's race:—Daphne, Why Wonder, Bluejacket, Speedwell, Carpenter, Wasp, Ailsa, Wings, Bojium, Joan, La Linda, Isobel. Each team will sail six boats, and will exchange boats for the afternoon race.

ON Monday, the ladies mixed class will re-sail their first Championship race. Over the same course the 4th Championship race (A Class) for ladies will also be sailed. The former event was not held last month, owing to bad weather.

THE Froisher Cup is a silver cup which was presented by officers and men of H.M.S. Froisher on leaving the station in 1927.

The trophy is at present held by the Club but if won by the Navy does not leave the Colony as it must then be held in a depot or ship permanently in Hong Kong.

FOR the same reason, the first Championship race for mixed classes, will be sailed on Saturday, December 17, and at the same time, the fifth Championship for Asker Class boats will be sailed over the same course.

THERE will be only one race for ladies on Monday, December 19, this being the 5th Championship "A" Class race.

BILLIARDS RECORD

Ponsford's 137 Break At Y.M.C.A.

IN HANDICAP TOURNEY.

A new billiard record was established last night at the Y. M. C. A., Salisbury Road, when S. Ponsford, playing in the 150 up handicap tournament against E. F. Salk, made a break of 137 in forty minutes.

Ponsford started off with 75 against his score, but had soon settled down, playing steady billiards to wipe out his handicap, and make the break to give him the game.

Salk went to the table on five occasions and made 37.



HENRY COTTON (Langley Park) played some of the best golf of his career when beating Alfred Perry (Leatherhead) by the record margin of 10 and 8 in the final round of the Professional £1,040 Golf Tournament at Moor Park, Herts. The finalists are here seen with Cotton on the right.

BACK TO THE OLD METHODS?

The talk one sometimes hears of introducing English players for the speeding-up of Scottish football is just talk. It is true enough that Southern football is yards faster than that played this side of the Tweed, but the advocate of the new idea is completely "off his horse" in the inference he expects most people to draw.

The disparity need not exist. It is rank heresy to declare that a Scotsman cannot travel or run as fast as an Englishman. Team blending and training methods are alone responsible for whatever difference there is. An eleven composed of speed merchants, each gifted with a full measure of intelligence, and whose brains maintain an equal pace with their feet, is truly a tremendous combination and a tremendous fillip to public enthusiasm. But you cannot get your Rolls-Royce to move sweetly should any one of its component parts "clog."

Similarly does the slow player "peg back" his brethren. He may be, paradoxically, a brilliant player and a decided handicap. Fast men who at the same time are able to maintain full control over the ball are the most valuable of assets, and it is here that England does score. The vast majority of her team builders strive for uniformity in standard and calibre. If the major portion of a club's stock be fast, they seek with persistent diligence for the full complement. Tom Gracie was a failure in the Liverpool line, but a star turn with the Hearts.

On the other hand, if the pack is of the medium pace class, they build accordingly. At Newcastle Percy Dawson had to be leashed with the crafty Walker and Graham chain, but at Blackburn for ten long years he had free scope for his extraordinary pace.

MIXTURES NOT SUCCESSFUL.

A general mixing of fast and medium (or slow, if you like) produces spasmodic results, and is never reliable because of lopsidedness. Both classes often deteriorate through age. The old spirit and ability are be-forged as the years creep along, but, having "once upon a time" been excellent men, they must be retained, figuratively speaking, until Anno Domini takes the law out of directors' hands in order to pronounce the "death sentence."

The aiders and abettors prolonging the agony of the dying gladiator are seldom brought to the criminal bar, despite intensive public clamour. "Graft" and other sinister motives, it is regrettable to note, have too often brought dire trouble and distress to hitherto healthy and honourable institutions. Nemesis, it is true, has overtaken more than one prominent club where infirm Boards have religiously clung to famous "has-beens." Rome must burn itself out while the dodders are fiddlesticking on the last string.

They command their trainers to make certain that the "dead horse" player or players are well whipped and lashed in order to be alive at week ends. The physically impossible does not enter into the hang of things.

Faults Of Modern Soccer Training.

By JOHN MCARTNEY

and the despairing wail of the half-crazed trainer is unheard as the fiddlers rise to crescendo pitch. In plain English, directors unable to raise a gallop to catch a tramcar expect their similarly aged and infirm staff to "get there" in even. They have deliberately flouted the public by rigidly adhering to a dilly-dallying policy capable only of producing a paralysis. Though their sins be as scarlet, yet by insidious means they manage to escape the guillotine's close embrace.

This may well prove the reason for many Scottish trainers' adorning extraordinary methods to "oil their lamps," and the flickering flame certainly does betoken the containers as holding brands reduced to minimum strength by incessant filtering. Many Boards are guilty of striving for the impossible, even though the harassed and worried trainer should be offered as a sacrifice in mollification.

The trainer confronted with reactionary instructions must be commiserated with. Small wonder he is driven to the strangest of unorthodox ideas in order, if possible to rope in the moon! And just because of that, we have witnessed a complete change over in preparation procedure.

English and Scottish Systems.

Perhaps the reader may better understand if I quote football training codes, ancient and modern, i.e., English and Scottish. Take the English or old curriculum first. Defined hours—Monday, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. till 12 noon and 2 to 4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. After reporting on Monday you are dismissed for the rest of the day. Tuesday, a.m.; lap running; p.m.; a.h.s.

Wednesday sees you on the hard road loaded with sweaters, and it is real walking too. No Weary Willie touches. Return direct to pavilion for shower bath, and after a good tawelling, a round of the flesh gloves. Dress and home for tea. (I have personally done the nine miles each way walk, Manchester and Bury.) We were always lunched out during walking expeditions.

Thursday is devoted principally to short, sharp sprints. Friday varies according to whether next day's match is home or away. If away, a few sprints, and p.m. kit inspection and bag packing. If at home, a little sprinting and attention to kit in the afternoon. Occasionally we have had a "pice-opener" on a Saturday morning.

Only the vilest of weather prevented a full card, and it was useless to ask for consideration because of a cold. To do so meant three or four sweaters being handed you with instructions to get on the track and run the old out—and most effective too. Unless it were twisted joints, there was little or no relaxation from routine.

This itinerary may seem formidable and apt to scare the home Scot—but, be not afraid! It teaches that the profession is serious business; that clearly defined disciplinary preparation is necessary. And, when once that is realised, regularity and close co-operation will burst forth into unbounded enthusiasm and determination.

Nothing annoys a player of this school more than an injury which may interfere with his usual training. He knows what is required to keep him fit and what it means to make up leeway. The trainer whose job is his very soul must achieve profitable results. Successes—great successes—now and again crop up in the training profession, but, alas, how few! Better still they could be if only they possessed a playing experience sufficient to guide and instruct young players on different points.

TOO LITTLE SPADE WORK. Unfortunately there are those who argue or attempt to argue that trainers should not be old players. The only person prone to emphasise such a weird doctrine is an odd director whose knowledge of the game is practically nil and whose strong point is to trust to trainers knowing as much or as little as he himself does. Even the gods in their wrath cannot move him to take just a little seasoned advice, so self-centred is he. There is a paradise for these sort of folks, but where is the football Cromwell?

To examine the Scottish mode presents a difficulty because of the multiplicity of theories. Hardly two clubs work on the same lines, but it is more or less true that the vast majority indulge in the absolute minimum of spade work. This may be due to a variety of causes, such as players being engaged in other businesses, and others living and training at their distant homes. For a trainer to deal only with remnant bespeaks the impossibility in preparing and consolidating a team.

Then, horror of horrors, there are some who take advantage of lackadaisical control by introducing irregular notions of how players should be treated. Laziness has something to do with this serious menace. In some cases a large number of players are placed on the table during their few hours mid-week duty to have messages by the celebrated Professor So-and-So, with most of the alphabet letters after his name, including L.S. and D. On occasion artificial rays are brought into play in an effort to ascertain if the intervals have not been moved in the new jerking process.

Little or nothing is done on road or track, so that instead of a healthy, spirited, robust, enthusiastic and vitalised player, Saturday sees a more or less anaemic collection released from cotton-wool entanglements. They have been massaged and drawn to a fine-line condition, all vitality and initiative. The table certainly produces an insidious mass of humanity with muscle and tissue gradually weakened, if not completely destroyed.

Mrs. Tottenham Playing

FAVoured WITH MISS LO FOR TITLE.

Four Semi-Final Ties To-day & To-morrow

MISS LO'S BID FOR TRIPLE CROWN GREATLY STRENGTHENED.

(By Ray.)

MRS. R. E. Tottenham, one of the Colony's best lady tennis players, who was prevented from completing her ties in the Ladies' Singles Tennis Championships, will definitely be playing in the semi-final round of the Doubles Championship to-morrow afternoon on the U.S.R.C. Courts, when she will be partnered by Miss Enid Lo against Mrs. James and Miss Pullam.

Mrs. Tottenham has undoubtedly the finest record of any lady tennis player in the Colony. She first came here in 1924 and held the Ladies' Singles title from 1924 until 1929, when she was prevented from competing owing to illness. Mrs. Tottenham told the China Mail that she was playing in the Doubles, but was unable to play singles for a time, as she was still under doctor's orders. Her intention to play will make her and Miss Enid Lo the favourites for the Ladies' Doubles Championship, the semi-final round of which will be played to-morrow on the United Services' Recreation Club courts at 3.15 p.m.

COLONY INTERPORTER. Their opponents will be Mrs. James, a Hong Kong Interporter who played against Shanghai in 1929, and Miss Pullam, a comparatively new player, who has so far given a good account of herself. The Tottenham-Lo partnership should, however, have no difficulty in entering the Final Round.

To-day will see the semi-final rounds of the Singles Championship in which Miss Enid Lo, the holder, will be opposed to Mrs. Grimble. This game should be worth watching in view of Mrs. Grimble's extraordinarily good form this season. She has astounded her critics and should give Enid Lo the fight of her life for entry into the Final.

In the other singles tie, that between Mrs. James and Miss Hancock the experience of the former should weigh the balance in her favour.

Mrs. James, though opposed to one of the most promising players of the younger generation, is a player of outstanding merit, having played in Interport tennis.

Miss Hancock caused a mild sensation in the previous round by eliminating another left-handed player in Miss Thomas in a gruelling straight sets victory by 7-5, 7-5.

Mamak Shield Tournament

Weak Medway Side Force A Draw.

SIGNALS WIN.

Playing in a Mamak Hockey Tournament match yesterday afternoon on the Marina ground, H.M.S. Medway, who were without the services of Hawgood and Allen, both on the injured list, drew with the R.A.M.C. both sides finding the net twice. The Medway led at the interval by the only goal scored by Holmes. In the second half Davies and Payne scored for the Medicals, while Lewis netted the equaliser.

SIGNALS FORTUNATE TO WIN.

Good luck favoured the Royal Corps of Signals in their match against the Royal Engineers in the Tournament played on the Marina ground, which they won by two clear goals, scored by Lieut. F. S. Whiteway-Wilkinson, towards the end of the game. The score sheet was blank at the interval. The Sappers had most of the play but their forwards were weak when in front of goal.



ONE of the players in the Women's Netball Tournament at Hill School, London, evidently did not believe in wasting time between intervals. She wrapped herself up in a couple of coats as a protection against the bad weather and calmly continued to knit a jumper.

To-morrow's Doubles ties will be the most interesting of the two championships.

Mrs. Lochner is undoubtedly the best ladies' doubles player in the Colony, and Mrs. Grimble was chosen by the Hong Kong Selection Committee to represent Hong Kong in the unplayed interport against Shanghai two months ago.

PROMISING PAIR.

It is said in tennis circles that this pair, if they combine effectively, will give Mrs. Tottenham and Miss Lo a hard fight for the title. Their opponents in this tie will be Mrs. Stafford-Smith and Miss Thomas. The latter player has played some good tennis in the last two years and has twice been in the finals of the Ladies' Singles championship. She is a left handed player and relies upon good placements and a good forehand drive for her points. She has also a useful service.

The following are to-day's and to-morrow's ties at the U.S.R.C. commencing at 3.15 p.m. sharp:—

Singles:—
Mrs. James vs. Miss R. Hancock.
Mrs. Grimble vs. Miss Enid Lo.
To-morrow.
Mrs. Lochner and Mrs. Grimble vs. Mrs. Stafford-Smith and Miss Thomas.
Mrs. James and Miss Pullam vs. Mrs. Tottenham and Miss Enid Lo.

WIMBLEDON BATTLE TO BE STAGED IN MELBOURNE.

Vines To Meet Crawford.

Melbourne, Yesterday. Ellsworth Vines, (U. S. A.) will meet Jack Crawford (Australia) in the Final of the Victorian tennis championship.

Scores:
E. Vines beat C. Sproule (New South Wales), 5-7, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.
J. Crawford beat Harry Hopman (New South Wales), 6-3, 4-6, 6-6, 6-2, 6-2.
It will be recalled that Vines defeated Crawford in straight sets at Wimbledon this year and that the American Champion recently won the New South Wales Championship when pitted against Wilmar Allison.—Reuter.

Golf Notes

By Divot

THE first and second rounds of the Club Championship at Failing passed off without any surprising result being recorded. The third round and semi-final will be decided over the week-end, and the final, over thirty-six holes, will be played on Sunday, December 18.

The following are the matches to be played:

M. W. Budd v. A. E. Lissaman.
A. Leach v. I. Newton.
O. E. C. Martin v. L. R. Andrews.
A. B. Stewart v. A. K. McKenzie.

QUITE a large entry has been received for the qualifying and of the Junior Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club which takes place on Sunday. This I think is one of the largest entries ever received for a competition over the Kowloon course. To avoid congestion members taking part are requested to be on the first tee at the times as stated.

The following is the draw and starting times.

8.30 A. Urquhart, H. Munford.
8.34 S. Jex, E. W. Gardiner.
8.38 H. T. Burton, A. Landsberg.
8.42 G. Angus, W. J. Falker.
8.46 J. Fremant, F. Bishop.
8.50 J. Gillately, S. Maunder.
8.54 W. Stoker, L. Purvis.
8.58 F. Angus, A. W. Torrihle.
9.02 V. C. Labrum, A. Tate.
9.06 J. W. Martin, W. F. Kerr.
9.10 J. Pooler, H. Overy.
9.14 J. B. McCaw, J. J. King.
9.18 T. Mitchell, J. S. Meyr.
9.22 W. S. Hillyer, G. Castle.
9.26 L. J. Cave, G. D. Reid.
9.30 P. E. Knight, E. R. Price.
9.34 W. J. Woolley, G. E. L. Johnson.
9.38 J. Wedlock, C. G. Anderson.
9.42 P. Jack, A. N. Other.

THE first round of the Country Club Championship resulted as follows:—

A. A. Lozes beat F. E. A. Remedios 2 & 1.
A. W. da Rosa beat J. J. Basto 6 & 5.
H. R. Lee beat A. E. H. Castro 2 up.

E. I. R. Leitao beat E. D. da Rosa 5 & 3.

Remedios' defeat did not come altogether as a surprise—he is having great trouble with his tee shots, and Lopes is too seasoned a player to fail to make the most of an opponent's slips.

A. W. da Rosa and Leitao were never extended in their matches. Castro did very well to go down by only 2 holes—he was actually 4 up at one stage of the match, and lost simply because he was up against a player with more experience of competitive golf.

THE latest leading athlete to take to the air is Henry Cotton, whose acceptance of an appointment with the Waterloo Club, of Belgium, has been one of the surprises of the "golfing year." Cotton intends to "purchase" his own light aeroplane for the purpose of flying over for English tournaments.

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ROUND THE CAMP FIRE

(By Patrol Leader.)

Lawrence Foley and Colin Foley are the latest recruits to join the 4th Hong Kong (Murray) Group of the Boy Scouts, and a welcome for them has been arranged by the other boys. William Batt, who has now become of age in the Murray Cub Pack, has entered the Murray Scout Troop.

Activities at the 1st Kowloon Troop are being centred on a Christmas Party to be given on December 22. Each patrol Kangaroos, Eagles, Lions and Swifits will be responsible for an item, and an enjoyable time is assured. Recently, Ernest, Potter and James Baumber joined the Troop, and both are very keen lads.

John Henderson, Wallace Henderson, Leonard Gibson and Stanley Lee, of the St. Andrew's Troop, passed their First Class Signalling test last Thursday. The examiner was Mr. E. J. Selk. It is of interest to learn that

Mr. S. A. Sweet, District Commissioner for Kowloon Scouts, is the producer of the play "The Fountain of Youth" to be presented by the philharmonic Society on January 18, next year.

Mr. Cheung Man-kuen, Scoutmaster of the South China Scout Troop, is at present on one week's leave.

Lily and The Eagle Boy Scouts in Germany are to have a new badge—a Lily and an eagle. This will be used by the new body created by the fusion of the two largest Boy Scout organizations in the country—the "League of the German Pathfinders" and the "Association of German Boy Scouts."

The union, announced at the joint meeting of the two associations at Frankfurt-on-Main, is the first result of Hindenburg's decree for the physical training of Ger-

many's youngsters. It is likely to lead to a complete reorganization of the whole Scout movement in the Fatherland.

Royal Patronage For A Pantomime The Prince of Wales has given his patronage to the pantomime, "Sindbad the Sailor," which the Roland House Players will present at King George's Hall in aid of the Roland House Settlement in East London during the first and second weeks in January.

Air-Minded Scouts

The Boy Scouts of Walton, Surrey, are attending a series of lectures on flying. Seventeen of them, under their Scoutmaster, are undergoing a course of instruction at Brooklands, and the winning candidates in a concluding examination will receive actual flying instruction.

Rover Scout Lord Merthyr

Lord Merthyr has been invested as a Rover Scout of the 1st Haverford-west (Wesleyan) Scout Group.

GIRL GUIDE NOTES

The report of the Girl Guide Association for 1931-32 contains many items of interest, chief among which is the formation of two new Guide companies—the 4th, attached

to the Victoria Home, and the 5th, to St. Mary's Convent, and the addition of the 1st, Canton Brownlie Pack. The last named is under Mrs. Longworth and Mrs. Taylor, of Sharnon.

There are now 10 Girl Guide Companies, five in Hong Kong and five in Kowloon, with a total of 178 guides, as compared with 156 in 1931. There is an increase of 29 Brownies; this year's total being 154, as against 125 last year. There are eight Packs, five in Hong Kong three in Kowloon, and one in Canton.

The Executive Committee of the guides sustained a great loss at the beginning of the season by the departure of Mrs. S. Lack, Equipment Secretary.

Other valued helpers who have also left the Colony for good are Mrs. Reinshagen, Miss M. Howard Smith, Mrs. Lawson, Miss Medina and Miss Bruce Shepherd, and a very helpful Vice-President, Mrs. H. T. Cressy, M.B.E.

In the spring, Mrs. H. Owen Hughes, former Kowloon Commissioner, went on leave. During the year visits were received from Mrs. Nichol, Commissioner for Victoria, B.C.; the Lady Elizabeth Playdell-Bouverie, the Misses, Walter, Miss Illingworth and Miss Hannah; Miss Drane and Miss Galtson.

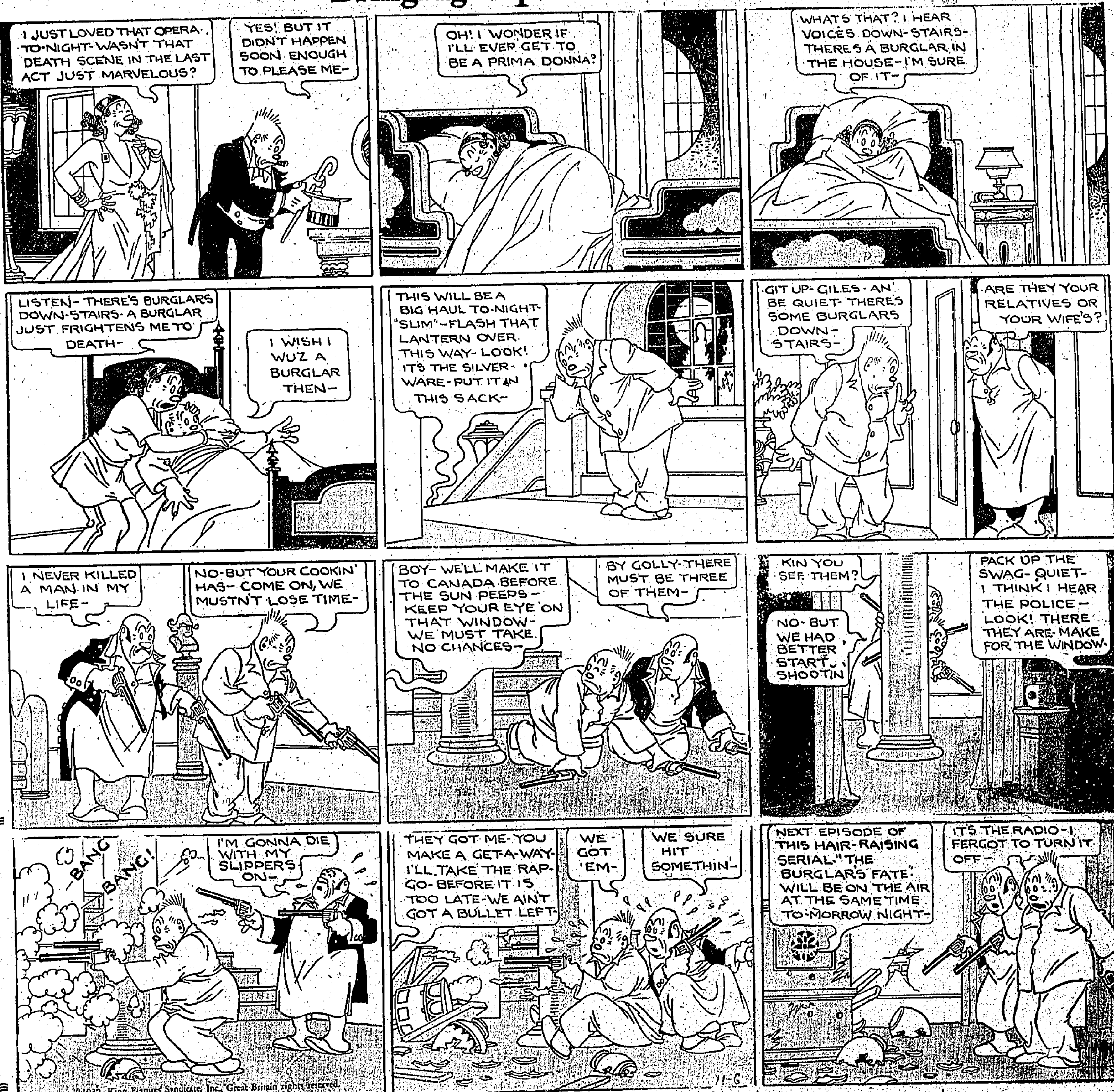
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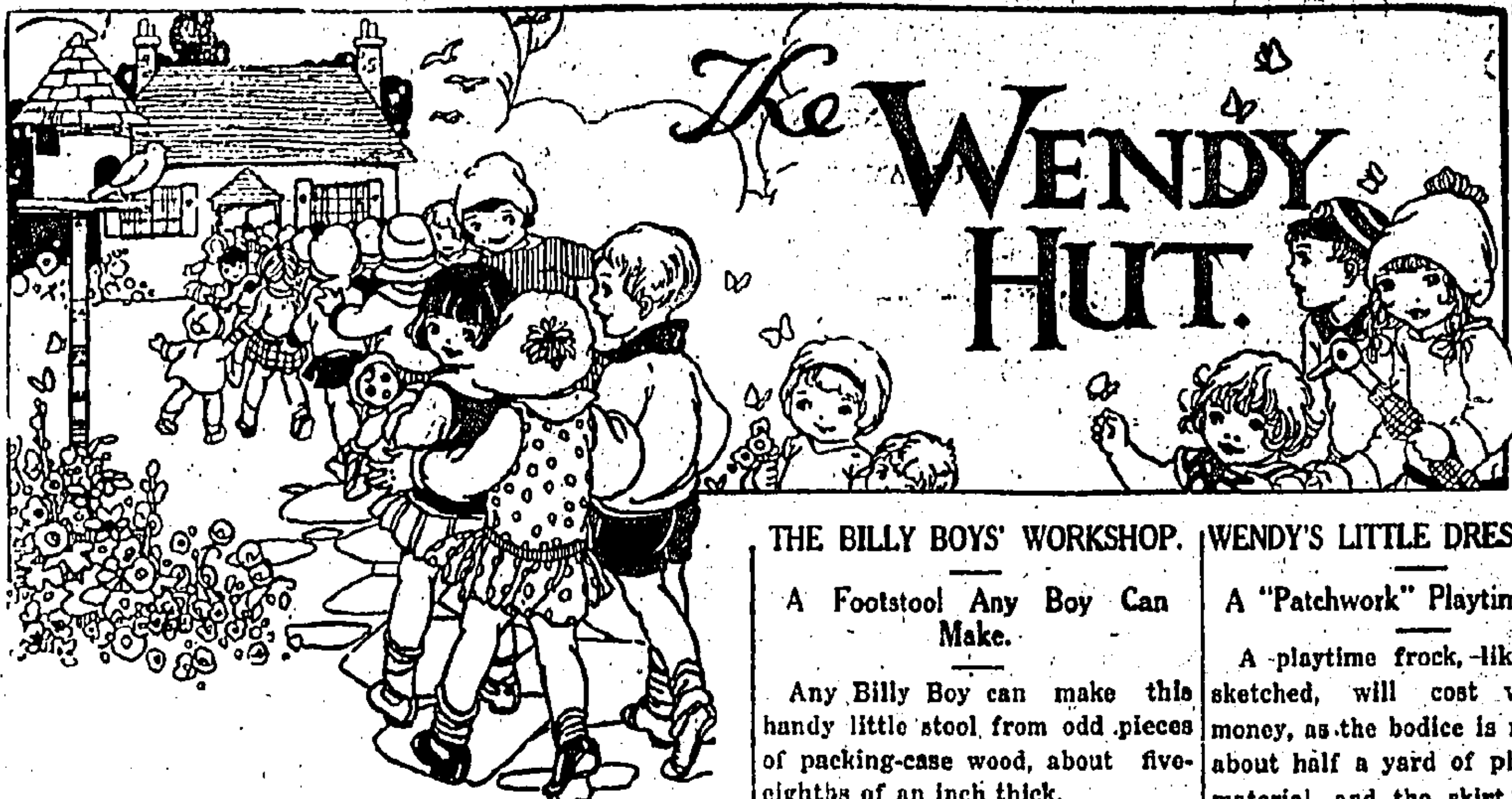
The death of the Marquis de Castellane, ends a remarkably full, career, distinguished mainly, as he admitted, by folly and extravagance.

He claimed to be the pioneer among aristocrats in contracting marriages with American heiresses.

His own story of how he won the famous Anna Gould is frank.

"I summoned jealousy to my side. I gave a dinner for Anna and some charming women—all daughters of millionaires. I was not disposed to allow her to retain the idea that foreigners were not sympathetic to other American beauties. I grouped these rosebuds round a table decorated with their namesakes, and I bestowed my attentions lavishly and impartially. Anna was furious. Her display of temper told me that I was regarded as her especial property, and, little by little, I prepared the way for my ultimate proposal. "Boni" was spoken of in America as the man who took the "m" out of Gould."





The Wendy Hut.

Long Ago Stories Alice Spitfire

Alice was a hot tempered girl, who seldom thought before she acted. She and all her family were in the service of a lord. Alice made candles, and her brother Gilbert cleaned up the grease dropped on the floor and brought it back to the big room where the candle girls worked.

Now the lord's servants had plenty of good food, were carefully tended by the lady when they were ill, and were paid small sums of money. Everything went well till a foreign barber crept into the household. And he made the servants discontented, and told Alice she ought to ask for salary.

"What may that be?" demanded Alice.

salt ration, and this money was called salary. You must have salary."

Alice thought this was a splendid idea. She told all the girls and young men about salary, and they decided to ask the lord for it. Instead of going quietly, Alice worked herself up into a temper, and, leading the other young servants, she slouched into the court yard and demanded money.

"The salt!" she cried. "We will have the salt, instead of our food, and clothes, and house-room, and ale!"

The lord laughed. Although he was rich in goods and land, he had only a little gold, which he kept in a barrel in his cellar in case war broke out and he would be obliged to arm and feed soldiers for the protection of his country. He told Alice she was a foolish maid. Then she screamed and kicked, so the lord called to his steward and told him to put her in the finger pillory till her temper was tamed.

Alice stood in the market place with her fingers pinched in the pillory, and asked her how she liked her salary. The girls poured cold water over her, and the boys tickled her nose with feathers, and she was so miserable then that never again did she ask for salary. But from that day she went by the name of Alice Spitfire.

OUR SWEET MAKING CORNER.

How To Make Marzipan.

Put half a pound of loaf sugar and half a gill of water into a saucepan. Set over gentle heat so that the sugar melts slowly, then boil the syrup for ten minutes. Stir in half a pound of ground sweet almonds mixing them thoroughly into the syrup, and continue to boil for a further five minutes. Remove the pan from the stove, allow the contents to get cool, then mix in the unbeaten white of one egg. Return to the stove, and cook until the mixture becomes thick and leaves the sides of the pan clear, stirring all the time. Turn on to a buttered slab, knead until perfectly smooth, and make the marzipan into a block or cut it into squares.

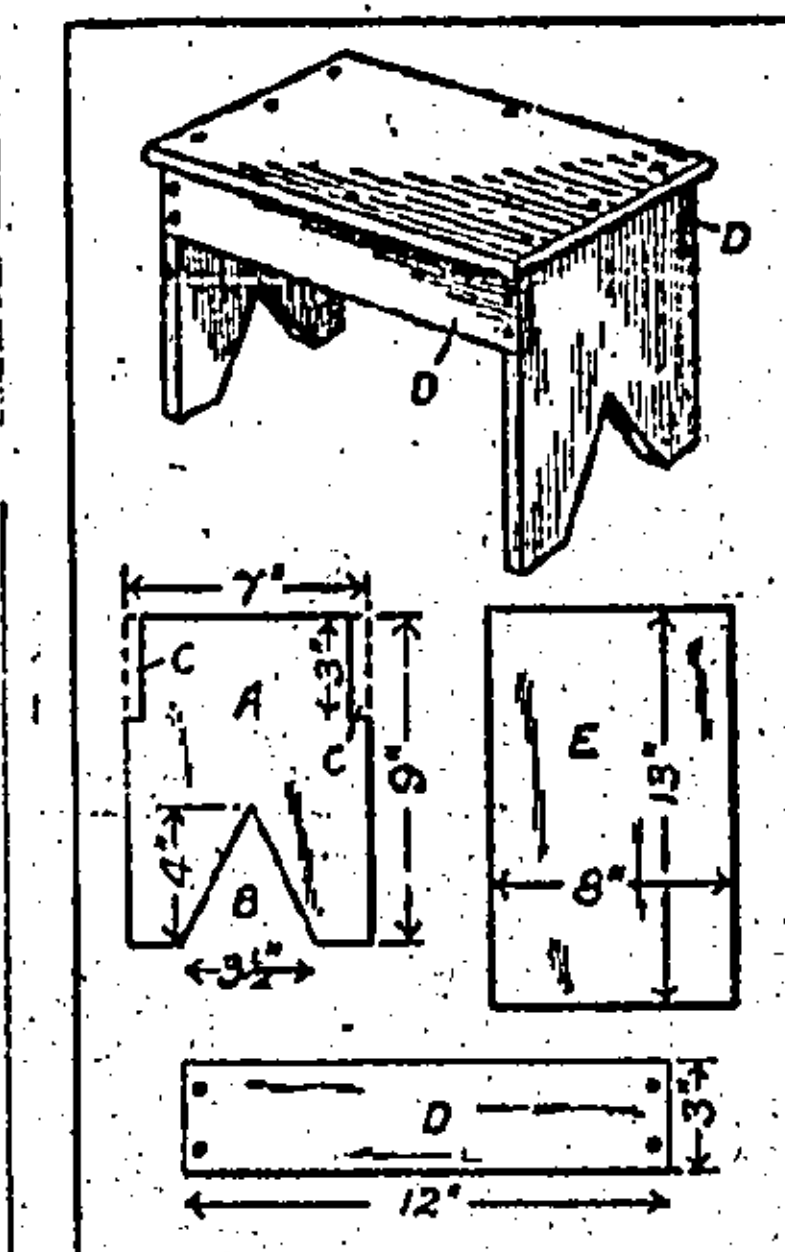
THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

A Footstool Any Boy Can Make.

Any Billy Boy can make this handy little stool from odd pieces of packing-case wood, about five-eighths of an inch thick.

For the uprights, you will require two pieces measuring nine inches by seven inches, as shown in diagram A. Smooth both sides of each piece with your plane, and then, with pencil and ruler, mark the shape of the cut-away part B, and the slots C.C. The depth of these slots should equal the thickness of the side bars, D.D. With your tenon saw, cut out the slots and the part B, and finish the rough edges with a chisel. Make sure that both parts A are exactly the same size.

The next parts to prepare are the side bars D.D. which you will notice are twelve inches long and three inches wide. Plane each piece of wood on both sides and edges. Then, with a bradawl, carefully make two screw holes in each end, a quarter of an inch from the edges, as shown in the bottom diagram. Fix the side bars to the uprights, as shown in the top diagram, with one and a



A very easily-made footstool. Carpenter explains how it is constructed.

quarter inch screws, so that the ends of the sides come flush with the uprights.

Diagram E gives the dimensions for the top of the stool which overlaps the sides and uprights for half an inch. If you cannot obtain a piece of wood eight inches wide, use two pieces four inches wide. After planing the wood all over, slightly round off all the edges with a small plane.

Fix the top in place with French nails about one and a half inches long. When doing this, see that an equal amount overlaps all round.

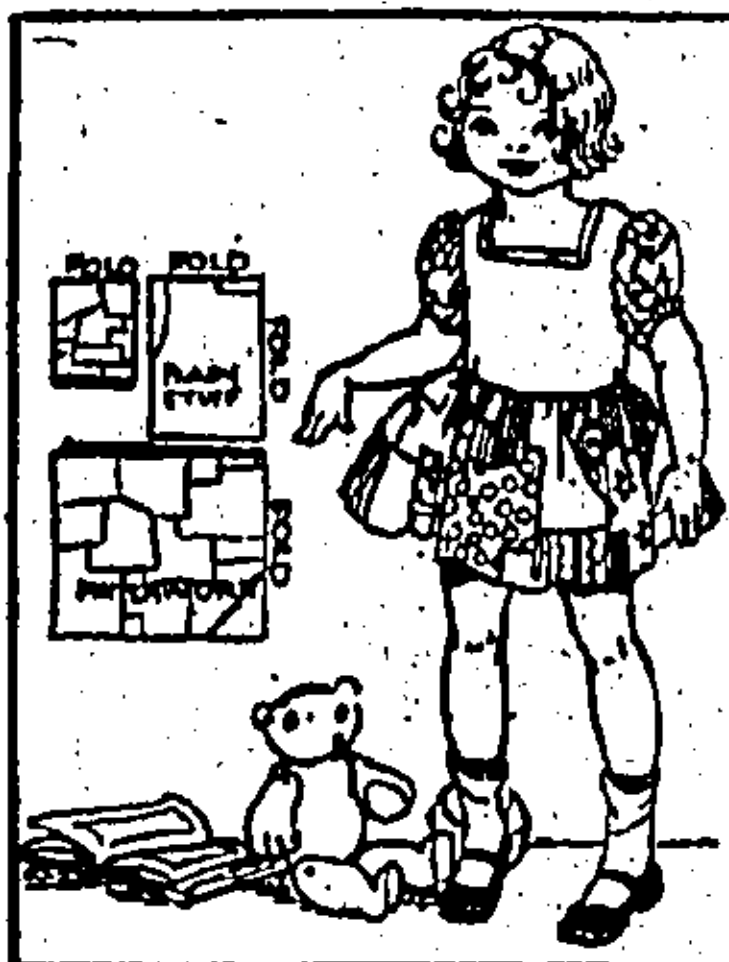
Give the stool a good rubbing with glasspaper, especially round the edges of the top, and it will be ready for painting, or for a coat

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WENDY'S LITTLE DRESSMAKERS.

A "Patchwork" Playtime Frock.

A playtime frock, like the one sketched, will cost very little money, as the bodice is made from about half a yard of plain cotton material, and the skirt and little puff sleeves are made of patterned cotton "patches." Small sister will be delighted with the frock if



The "patchwork" playtime frock. Dressmaker tells you how to make it and it will be great fun to do!

you give it to her as a Christmas present. And you'll have the greatest fun meantime collecting your patches!

As you see by the diagram, the bodice is cut from a piece of material a few inches wider than the width across sister's shoulders and twice her depth from shoulders to waist. Fold widthways, and lengthways, and cut out a little square for the neckline, as shown in the picture. Open out, sew up the side seams, and bind the neck opening with bias-binding to match the material.

Stitch the patches for the skirt together, making a strip for the back and one for the front—both long enough to reach from waist to knees and wide enough to make the skirt stand out quaintly. Join the strips down the sides just like an ordinary skirt. Gather along the top edge, pull up to fit the end of the bodice, and stitch the two together. Then bind the hem of the skirt with cotton bias-binding like that on the bodice.

The wee puff sleeves are strips of patchwork about fifteen inches wide and six inches long. Join the short edges of each, gather up the tops to fit the armholes and sew them in neatly. Make narrow casings along the lower edges and thread these with elastic to make the "puffs."

Wendy's Dressmaker.

of varnish stain. A good covering for the seat is a piece of plain linoleum fixed with small tacks. Or, of course you can pad the top and cover it with fancy material if you like.

The Hut Carpenter.

MR. AND MRS. MOUSE.



"My love!" said Mr. Mouse, "We'll stay! And now I'll have my tea."

Said Mrs. Mouse to Mister Mouse: "I almost think, my dear, it's time we took a larger house—This one's too small, I fear! We really haven't room to breathe, You must admit it's so.... Our eighteen children seem to need A deal of space, you know!"

Said Mister Mouse to Mrs. Mouse: "My love, I'm sure you're right! And as I don't believe in fuss, We'll move this very night! I hear there are some nice new flats Beside the Big Oak Tree, So while you pack the furniture, I'll go along to see."

Said Mrs. Mouse to Mister Mouse: "Perhaps, well... wait a bit... In these hard times, now don't you think

We'd be unwise to flit? The children would lose all their friends, I'd miss my neighbours three."

"My love," said Mister Mouse, "We'll stay! And now I'll have my tea!"

SEVEN LONELY CARIBOUS.

The caribou is a species of American reindeer, which until a short time ago, was thought to be extinct. But rumours came from the region of the Upper Red Lake in Minnesota, that a magnificent caribou had been seen in the wilderness of bog and marsh land.

For a while, famous hunters refused to consider these rumours, even as we might refuse to believe that a giant lived in a castle near Birmingham! Finally, however, two biologists set forth to prove that the last caribou was indeed dead and gone, and that the old trapper who had spread the rumour was wrong!

For days they tracked, and then, in the stillness of a misty morning, they beheld a solitary caribou!

Tremendously excited, they waited for hours, shivering with cold and nervous tension, and at last they saw six more of the animals.

Seven lonely caribous, the last of a noble band, living a frugal life in the wilds, and dodging their natural enemy the wolf every hour of the day and night!

After photographs were taken, the biologists returned to New York, and now they are trying to induce the Government to take steps to protect the seven lonely reindeer.

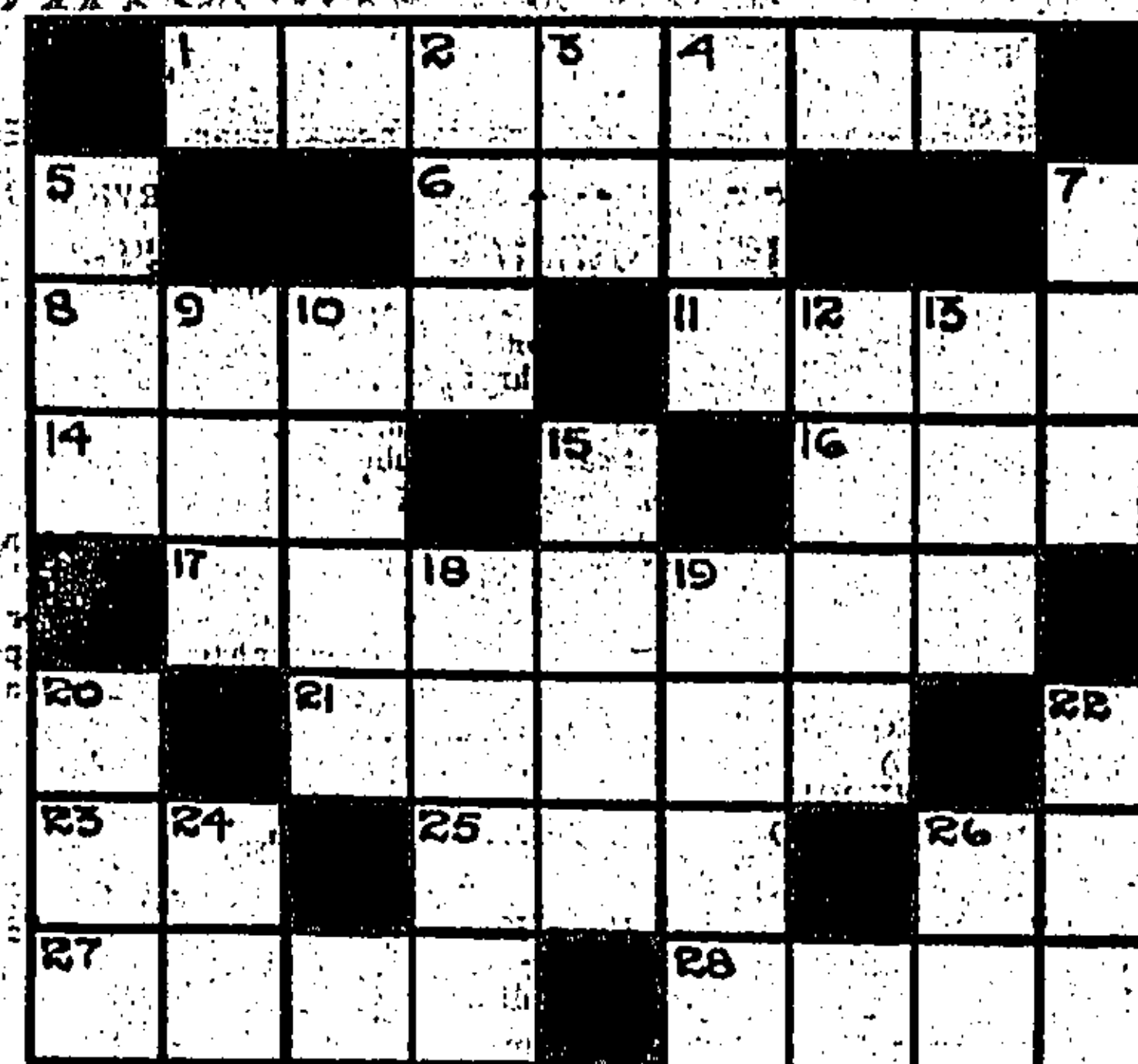
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- Two (Pair).
- Paying out (money, etc.) ... (Spending).
- Father's boy! (Son).
- Men play billiards with this (Cue).
- British Dominion (abbreviated) (S.A.).
- You see this on a football field (Goal-Post).
- Coloured (Dyed).
- Plenty of this on a football field on a wet day! (Mud).
- What you do with a spade ... (Dig).

Down.

- Not closed (Open).
- A tin (Can).
- Young goat (Kid).
- Boy's name (Eric).
- Animal (Ass).
- How old you are (Age).
- Game played on horseback (Polo).
- You crack them to get the kernels (Nuts).
- Cunning (Sly).
- Monkey (Ape).
- Jewel (Gem).
- Join on (Add).
- Queer (Odd).
- Pull (Tug).

Clues for this week:—

Across.

- A day of the week.
- Serpent.
- Wound.
- 805 of No. 4 down.
- Boy's name (abbreviated).
- Where Noah lived.
- Baby's cloak.
- Opposite of No. 4 down.
- Fronton.
- Number.
- Indefinite article.
- Mid-day.
- Where No. 20 down gets.

Down.

- Flow back (tide).
- Therefore.
- Twenty-four hours.
- Animal.
- Same as 16 across.
- You turn it to get water.
- End of a prayer.
- Where No. 20 down rises.
- Part of verb 'to be'.
- Symbol.
- Wild animal.
- Another way of spelling "show."
- The earth revolves around it.
- Insect.
- Same as No. 8 Down.
- Because.

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SHE'LL CALL ME UP NOW AND MAKE A MILLION APOLOGUES AND BEG ME TO FORGIVE HER—IT'S MY TURN TO BE PEEVED.

GEE! IT'S NINE O'CLOCK AND SHE HASN'T PHONED YET—I WONDER WHAT IS THE MATTER?

OH! I GUESS SHE IS SO ASHAMED—SHE WON'T PHONE—I'LL BE BIG IN THIS MATTER—I'LL CALL HER UP—I'M BROAD-MINDED.

WHAT! SHE ISN'T HOME? YOU THINK SHE WENT TO A DANCE? OH! I SEE, WELL—YOU NEEDN'T MIND—I WON'T LEAVE MY NAME.

OH! I THOUGHT YOU WENT OUT SOMEONE JUST CALLED YOU UP.

WHY DADDY! I'VE BEEN IN ALL WEEK. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT.



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THE MAN WHO HATED FLIES

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He did not succumb immediately. That Autumn he still worked intermittently at his own research; but he began two new lines of reading, entomology and bacteriology. He had a wonderful memory; he could read all the principal European languages, and he learned very fast.

His wife only laughed when he told her what he proposed to do. It would not affect their income. "Ah! You want to improve the world too much," she said. "No doubt Providence sent the flies for some good purpose."

It took Professor Aumonier 20 years of arduous labour and experiment to solve his problem, and the great clue came at last almost by accident. The scientific reader will be able to follow in full detail the line of the research in Aumonier's tremendous monograph, modestly entitled "Musca Vulgaris." His memoirs also provide much interesting material in this connection. It will be sufficient to recall, in this place, the broad lines upon which the experiments were conducted, noting more particularly what he himself never alludes to, the heroism of the researcher—typical as it is of so many of our inspired workers in the field of science.

For Aumonier began by making the immense sacrifice of all those peaceful hours of immunity he had hitherto spent in his laboratory. That refuge from which every fly had been strictly excluded now became their very home and breeding-place, to which they were invited—nay, compelled—to come by every ingenious bait that could be devised. In short, Aumonier's laboratory now so swarmed with flies all the year round that even his wife found it unendurable.

And there the devoted man studied every habit of the species contributing, incidentally, a store of knowledge relative to insect life, such as Henri Fabre had never dreamed of. To quote but one instance, he discovered that within certain limits individuals of the species could be educated, trained to come at a given signal for food, and tamed so far as to suffer a light touch.

But the core of the study was the observation of insect diseases and ailments; on less than nineteen of which he has convincingly diagnosed and described. No weakness in the world of flies escaped him, and the sufferers were caught, marked, isolated in gauze cages, kept under rigorous observation, and a "culture" made of their inferentially affected fluids. Other healthy flies were then brought into contact with the sufferers, or inoculated with the culture, until it may truly be said that Aumonier knew more of the diseases of the common house-fly than the most skilled physician knows of the diseases of humanity. Is there, indeed, any door to knowledge that cannot be opened by the life work of such a mind as this?

Before proceeding to the professor's supreme triumph, however, one curious side issue must be noted: Aumonier, all unwittingly, cured himself. He who had been driven to fury and desperation by the torments of flies, became within twelve months, utterly indifferent to them, in this aspect. They had ceased to be an intrusion, becoming instead the single object of his interest. Indeed, in the later years of his research, he came, so one infers from his Memoirs, almost to love them. In the winter, at which season he tells us flies become more amenable to human influence, he had what can be described only as "pet" flies, which came to greet him when he entered the laboratory, would enter his hand, and stayed with him while he worked.

We find in his Memoirs, in fact, something like a note of regret when he announces that the long-sought culture had at last been found—the faint suggestion of a brief hesitation before he gave his discovery to the world. It may be that that note is due only to the regret of one who, having worked twenty years for a particular end, finds with its attainment a too sudden cessation of the familiar stimulus; but a passage here and there, unquestionably conveys the feeling that he suffered a qualm or two before promulgating the sentence that condemned every fly in the world to death.

For it was nothing less than that. The bacillus he had, as he admits, almost accidentally stumbled upon such things as peas and beans, fall at last was death to flies. None was edel once; the whole cabbage tribe immune. Moreover, the disease was could no longer be propagated by almost imperceptibly infectious. The seed, and the majority of fruits period of incubation was forty were so scarce that apples, pears, eight hours, and during that time peaches and plums were, for the infected fly which remained

active, and to all appearances healthy, could carry the germ far and wide.

The efficacy of the "A-A" germ, as it was called from the initials of its brilliant discoverer, was proved beyond all question within three months from its first trial. It was a hot Summer again in the South of France that year, but in July there was never a fly or a blue-bottle to be found in the Rhone Valley from Lyons to Marseilles.

And Mme. Aumonier, grown stouter now, but not less placid, was one of the first to contribute to that flood of praise which was soon to flow in upon her household from every corner of the habitable globe. "Well, I will admit, Albert," she said complacently, "that it is rather a comfort to be rid of them. The meat keeps better."

Professor Aumonier absently stroked his fly-free bald head and looked wistfully about the room. "I am glad to have succeeded, Anastasia," he replied. "But for myself I confess that I miss something."

In his son's "Life" of the Professor we find a casual note that in his later years he had a taste for having his head tickled with a feather.

If it were his work alone that he missed he must have found some compensation in the invitations to lecture that now poured in upon him. The work of producing and intensifying the "A-A" culture was out of his hands. In every civilised country, laboratories had been established to carry on those operations, and he was free to go whither he would. He went. He had no other occupation, and the thought of foreign travel appealed to him.

He was in Chicago when the first disturbing suggestion of trouble reached him from Europe. It was no more than a paragraph in the London "Times" relative to the new disease among bees which had lately made its appearance in France and England. But the symptoms were described, and Aumonier guessed instantly that bees were not immune to some form of the "A-A" infection.

He paused thoughtfully for a few minutes on that inference, and then shrugged, his shoulders. After all, every great discovery carried with it some minor disadvantage. And he made no mention of this new development in his lecture that evening. He was enjoying the magnificent reception America was giving him, a reception that was, if possible, heightened when it became known that mosquitoes had also proved susceptible to Aumonier's disease. In the Southern States, said the "New York Herald," all the women were busy transforming mosquito-curtains to other household uses.

He was in Japan when, nearly a year later, he read of the strange failure of the fruit and vegetable crops in the West.

There had been abundant blossom and the season had been favourable, but the fruit had not set on the trees or formed in the pods. One account, probably exaggerated, declared that there would not be a kilo of peas that year to be found in the whole of France.

And then, almost at once, everything seemed to understand what was happening; to realise that the Aumonier disease was performing far more than it had promised; and that ten thousand forms of insect life, irrespective of species, were being rapidly eliminated. Nothing seemed to be exempt: butterflies, moths, beetles, ants, spiders, and (thank goodness!) flies, were vanishing from the economy of nature. And although no one except the entomologists would greatly regret any of them, humanity at large was suddenly brought face to face with facts that had been common knowledge since the days of Charles Darwin, namely, that the majority of fruits, vegetables and flowers are dependent for their existence upon the pleasant labour of the swarming world of insects.

Fortunately there are some notable exceptions to this dependence of vegetable upon insect life. Wheat, a quail or two before promulgating the sentence that condemned every fly in the world to death.

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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 18th inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. In the case of dutiable cargo, Consignees are requested to inform the Imports & Exports Office that they have such goods for examination.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 17th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 18th inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

In the case of dutiable cargo, Consignees are requested to inform the Imports & Exports Office that they have such goods for examination.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 27th December, 1932, or they will not be recognised.

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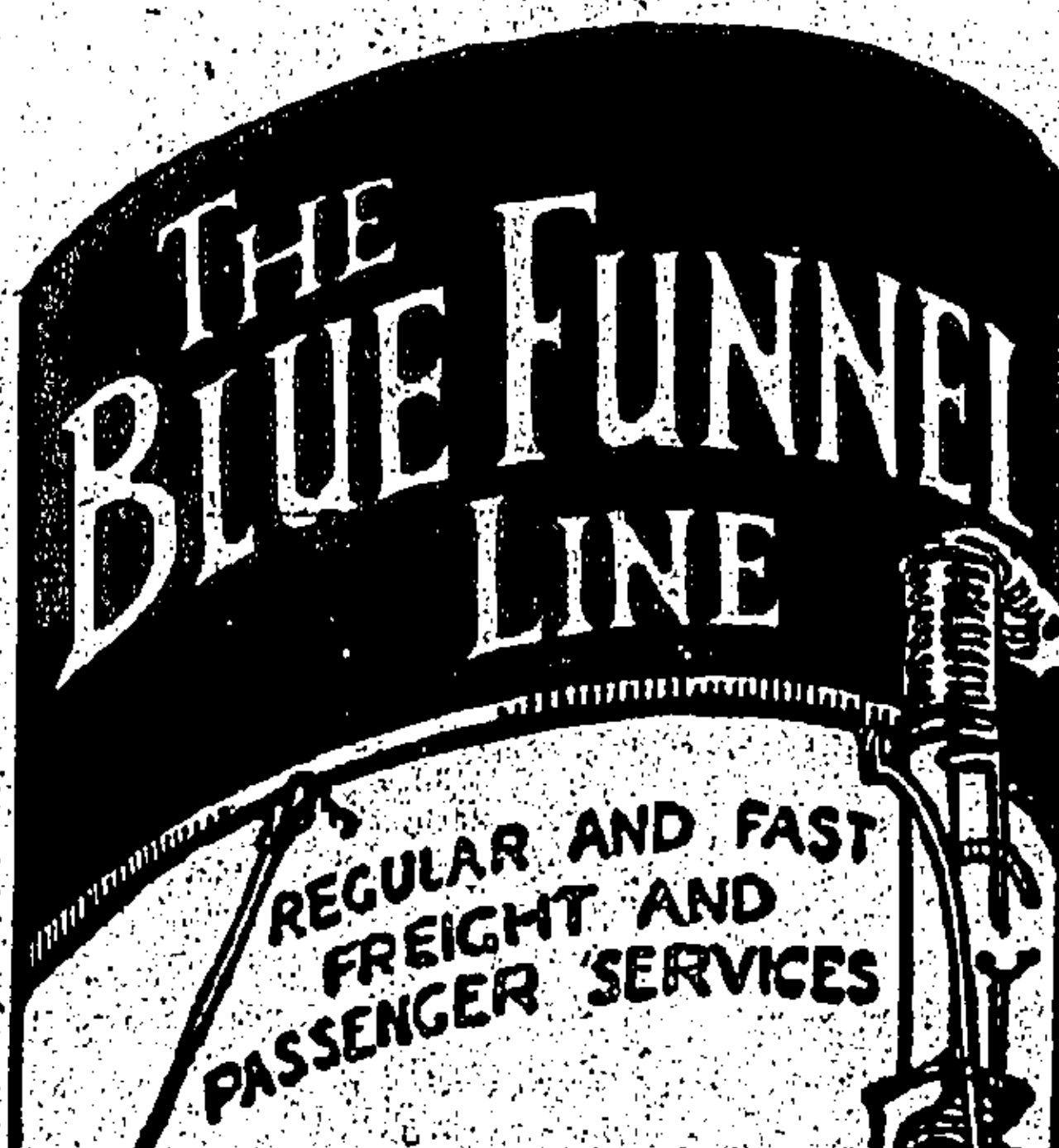
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1933.			
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THE MAN WHO HATED FLIES.

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anything from ten to twenty dollars a pound in New York, three years after Aumonier's great discovery had been given to humanity. If the disease had affected house-flies only, it would not have mattered. They perform little or no work as pollen-carriers. But no one could have foreseen that every form of insect life would be involved.

There could be no question now that the world was faced with an unprecedented calamity. A form of scrofula was becoming endemic among the poorer classes; and a wasting anemia; both due to the lack of the vitamins provided by fresh fruit and vegetables. Something was being done in the creation of a new industry, and a few years later it became a common sight to see men, women and children armed with long-handled camel-hair brushes, industriously carrying pollen from flower to flower of fruit trees and vegetable plants. But immense labour was required to do in a week what the myriads of busy little winged creatures had unconsciously performed in an hour. And fruit and vegetables, from being the natural food of the many, had become a luxury for the few.

It was, indeed, a strangely altered world in these days! Gone were the majority of the sweet wild-flowers that had made beautiful the Northern Spring; and gone, too, were many forms of bird life dependent for their food either upon flying insects or their grubs. And with the loss of insects and birds, something of music had gone from the Earth. The world was siller than of old, less beautiful, noticeably moribund. There was less colour, less variety, less vitality.

Professor Aumonier had taken to living in retirement in his old age. Honours and degrees had been showered upon him; he had increased his already ample income; but he was not, he knew it all too well, any longer a popular figure.

There were active A.A. (Anti-Aumonier) Societies in most civilised countries; and their aims, beside the apparently hopeless task of re-establishing insect life, included forms of virulent propaganda designed to asperse the fame of the best-known scientist of the century.

So Aumonier kept apart from the world. In his thoughts it seemed to him as if the activities of the A.A. Societies were a form of persecution very like that he had once endured from flies. He was getting old, and his mind was apt to return to memories of his youth, skipping all the period that had intervened. He was little stirred when one day his son Bertrand came to see him after an absence of over three years.

Bertrand Aumonier, whose name now rivals that of his father, was not then famous, although he, too, had been for twenty years a patient, devoted student of science. But that day when he called upon his old father he had the great announcement to make which soon put him on a level with other celebrities of his time.

Aumonier, half-dozing in his chair, with his wife, incredibly stout now but still placid as ever, beside him, was sitting in the garden when Bertrand found him.

"I have made the great discovery," he announced quietly when he had greeted his parents. "I have discovered a rare fly on the Upper Amazon that, although it stings human beings, is a honey-eater and a pollen-carrier. And it is, almost certainly, immune to the Aumonier disease. In a few years I hope to acclimatise it all over the world. It breeds rapidly, and I have every hope that it will soon become as numerous and as widely distributed as the old house-fly!"

Professor Aumonier roused himself a little, shook his head, and with a half-mechanical movement began to flap about him with his handkerchief.

His wife chuckled complacently. "Ah, you little Bertrand," she said, "you want to improve the world too much. No doubt Providence had some good purpose in letting all the flies be killed. And we have all the vegetables we want here."

THE END.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

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1933

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RACE SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Queensland Autumn Champions will be the finest race of the day, and many are looking to The Giraffe to turn the tables on Polar Star. Personally I think Polar Star will complete his "hat trick" against The Giraffe, but he will have to be extended a little more, when one considers the improved form of The Giraffe, and the distance of 1 1/4 miles, which is ideal for the latter pony.

Apart from the two favourites, Lucy Glitters and Friar Tuck are the only ponies that need be considered and Lucy Glitters should have no difficulty in securing third place.

The question of the result of the third of the Autumn Champions event, the race for Sub-Griffins, is not so difficult to answer. That Racing Boy will win, is a foregone conclusion, but what of Bistre and Helter Skelter? Bistre is undoubtedly the better pony, and Helter Skelter is not very fit.

BLUE STAR FANCIED.
Blue Star is well fancied for the December Handicap, but will meet with strong opposition in King's Bounty and Gay Crusader. There are twelve entries for the event, but these are the three that are likely to make the running. The Kong Bros. candidate is in good shape and with Mr. S. N. Pan in the saddle will take a lot of beating.

The Australian "B" class ponies' race, the Barrier Handicap, over one mile looks as though it might furnish the surprise of the day. But After That is, of course, the best class pony in the event, but Evening Star, in spite of his colossal weight of 170 lbs. looks pretty good. Canny has been fairly consistent lately, and is due for a win. I would recommend punters to watch him.

In the Dilatory Plate, Cy-pres is as good as anything, and likely to be a hot favourite. There is not much danger of him being beaten, even by Wembley Stag, whom I would confidently back as a winner over a longer distance. Wakefield and Orlando are two ponies who might occupy places.

Blue Star, if he starts here, is almost a certainty, while the Kong Bros. second string, Bright Star, takes the eye for second place, but with Gold Bar and possibly Fortune Day, who can tell.

The Finale Plate, the last race of the year is the most open event on the programme, and with the weight per inches scale in operation, an upset would not be surprising. The weights are very high, a factor in favour of Gallant Fox. Banjolina gave a good showing when out last week and he is worth following for a place.

COLONY OFFICERS RESUME POSTS.

New U.S. Vice-Consul Recognised Here.

The Hon. Mr. Edwin Richard Hallifax, C. M. G., C. B. E., who acted as Colonial Secretary during the time H. E. the Governor was on leave, resumed duty as Secretary for Chinese Affairs as from December 8, it is notified in the Government Gazette to-day.

Another appointment is that of Dr. Hermann Balean to be a member of the Dental Board during the absence from the Colony of Dr. George Duncan Ralph Black, with effect from November 19.

H. E. the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Henry B. Day, as a Vice-Consul for the United States of America in Hong Kong.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The outlook for the week-end is good, according to the weather report issued from the Royal Observatory to-day. The north-easterly winds will continue fresh, and fine weather is forecasted.

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